

No. R-534. House concurrent resolution remembering the life of U.S. Army Major Jonathan Kirk Weaver.

(H.C.R.368)

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Young of Glover, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Christie of Hartford, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Grad of Moretown, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Klein of East Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Moran of Wardsboro, Potter of Clarendon and Toll of Danville

Whereas, U.S. Army Major Jonathan Weaver was once evaluated in a review as “the finest officer in every sense of the word,” and

Whereas, Jonathan Weaver always strove for academic excellence and graduated from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science in New York, and

Whereas, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he excelled and earned more credits than needed for graduation, and

Whereas, after West Point, Jonathan Weaver attended the rigorous Army Ranger School, from which he graduated before embarking on a career in military intelligence, and

Whereas, Major Jonathan Weaver’s natural affinity for foreign languages, including his knowledge of Arabic and Russian, were of great assistance as his postings took him to countries around the globe, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Egypt, Germany, Kosovo, and South Korea, as well as assignments in the United States, and

Whereas, in 2008, he completed the command and general staff course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and was scheduled to be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of both the Army Commendation and Army Achievement medals, and

Whereas, aside from his military expertise, Major Jonathan Weaver was a talented vocalist, and

Whereas, as a gifted boy soprano growing up in New York, Jonathan Weaver sang leading roles in several operas, including *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at Avery Fischer Hall under the direction of composer Gian Carlo Menotti, and he also performed in the children's choruses of the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera, and

Whereas, as an adult, Major Jonathan Weaver was an ardent church chorister, and wherever he was stationed, he found a church choir to sing in, including the Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he met his future wife, Meredith Cox, and

Whereas, this patriotic American, dedicated soldier, talented musician, and devoted husband and son had his life tragically cut short in 2008 when he was killed in an automobile accident shortly before his scheduled deployment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers the life of U.S. Army Major
Jonathan Kirk Weaver, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this
resolution to his parents, John and Marianne Weaver, in West Glover.