

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 24, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Offering condolences to the loved ones of United States Marine  
2 Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank, who died on June 9, 2010,  
3 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand  
4 Province, Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, United States Marine Lance Corporal Michael G.  
6 Plank, 25, a 2004 graduate of Elkland High School, Tioga County,  
7 died June 9, 2010, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom  
8 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Plank entered the Marine Corps on  
10 February 23, 2009, and was a combat engineer assigned to the 7th

Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Camp Pendleton, California; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Plank was deployed to Afghanistan in March, and it was his first overseas assignment; and

WHEREAS, Funeral services in remembrance of Lance Corporal Plank took place in Parkhurst Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elkland, June 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, On June 20, as his body returned home, and on June 21, the day of the funeral, the streets of Elkland were lined with people holding American flags and signs in memory of Lance Corporal Plank who, according to friends and family, had a "big heart" and was a proud Marine; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Larry O'Dell, pastor at Parkhurst Memorial Presbyterian Church, accurately described Lance Corporal Plank as a "hero"; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Plank is survived by his mother, Kathy Parker, of Cameron Mills, New York; his father, Gerald, of Lawrenceville, Tioga County; and his brothers Jerry and Dominic, of Westfield, Tioga County; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Plank gave his life in the courageous service of his country; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives offer condolences to the loved ones of United States Marine Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank, who died June 9, 2010, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.