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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 26, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of United States Army Sergeant Sean Michael
2 Durkin, 24, who paid the ultimate sacrifice on April 9, 2010,
3 as the result of injuries he received from an improvised
4 explosive device on March 27, 2010, in Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, Easton native, United States Army Sergeant Sean
6 Michael Durkin, died April 9, 2010, from wounds sustained on
7 March 27, 2010, while serving our nation in Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Sgt. Durkin was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th
9 Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson,
10 Colorado, and had served a tour in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne

1 Division before being deployed as an army infantryman to
2 Afghanistan; and

3 WHEREAS, Sgt. Durkin lost both legs and two fingers when
4 enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive
5 device near Forward Operating Base Wilson, an attack that also
6 wounded two comrades; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to being transported to Walter Reed Army
8 Hospital near Washington, DC, Sgt. Durkin was visited at a
9 hospital in Kabul and presented with a Purple Heart from
10 President Barack Obama; and

11 WHEREAS, Although it first looked as though Sgt. Durkin would
12 survive his injuries, doctors became worried about his prognosis
13 when he developed a postsurgical fungal infection, and it was
14 that infection which took his life on April 9, 2010, with his
15 mother by his bedside; and

16 WHEREAS, Sgt. Durkin was 24 years of age at the time of his
17 death; and

18 WHEREAS, As a young boy growing up on Easton's South Side, he
19 often played war games, wrote about military topics when given
20 writing assignments in school and loved building model ships and
21 planes, and those who knew him said he was destined to become a
22 soldier; and

23 WHEREAS, Sgt. Durkin will be buried with his father, a
24 Vietnam veteran who died in 1992, in Hays Cemetery in Easton;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, St. Durkin is survived by his mother, Mary Ann; his
27 sister, Megan Rowlands; and two nephews; and

28 WHEREAS, It is fitting for the courageous and valiant service
29 of this soldier, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service
30 of his nation, to be honored by the citizens of this

1 Commonwealth; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
3 United States Army Sergeant Sean Michael Durkin, 24, who paid
4 the ultimate sacrifice on April 9, 2010, as the result of
5 injuries he received from an improvised explosive device on
6 March 27, 2010, in Afghanistan.