

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the death of  
2 Staff Sergeant Eric Holman, an American hero who paid the  
3 supreme sacrifice on August 15, 2012, while serving his  
4 country in Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eric Holman enlisted in the United  
6 States Army in the months following the events of September 11,  
7 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman served in the 82nd Airborne Division  
9 and was a member of the Golden Knights United States Army  
10 Parachute Team; and

11 WHEREAS, After finishing his assignment with the Golden  
12 Knights, Sergeant Holman decided to join Fort Bragg's 767th  
13 Explosive Ordnance Disposition Battalion on the front lines in  
14 Afghanistan; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman possessed an exacting and determined  
2 personality and demonstrated true professionalism to his  
3 comrades in their dangerous yet vital assignment of bomb  
4 disposal; and

5 WHEREAS, Major General Todd Semonite described Sergeant  
6 Holman as "one of the best EOD technicians out there"; and

7 WHEREAS, On August 15, 2012, Sergeant Holman was tasked with  
8 disarming three roadside bombs; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman was killed when the final bomb he  
10 was defusing was triggered remotely and exploded; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman is a true American hero who,  
12 according to his friend, the Reverend Dave Lewis, "never ran  
13 away from anything" and "was always quick to take control or  
14 assume responsibility"; and

15 WHEREAS, Speaking of Sergeant Holman, longtime friend Dave  
16 Coughlin stated, "there were so many that he touched through the  
17 chapters of his life . . . Eric touched all of us"; and

18 WHEREAS, For his bravery and heroism, Sergeant Holman was  
19 posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the  
20 Meritorious Service Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University,  
22 Sergeant Holman had a passion for skydiving that was eclipsed  
23 only by his drive to serve his country and his love for his  
24 family; and

25 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman is survived by his wife, Terri; his  
26 son, Misha; his mother, Jan; and his father, David; and

27 WHEREAS, It is fitting to commend the patriotic and heroic  
28 contributions that Sergeant Holman made, to be saddened by this  
29 brave soldier's death and to honor the supreme sacrifice he paid  
30 on behalf of this nation and this Commonwealth; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
2 and express condolences upon the death of Staff Sergeant Eric  
3 Holman, an American hero who paid the supreme sacrifice on  
4 August 15, 2012, while serving his country in Afghanistan.