

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION**No. 13** Session of
2013

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JANUARY 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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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

1 Explosive Ordnance Disposition Battalion on the front lines in
2 Afghanistan; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Sergeant Holman is survived by his wife, Terri; his
28 son, Misha; his mother, Carol; and his father, David; and

29 WHEREAS, It is fitting to commend the patriotic and heroic
30 contributions that Sergeant Holman made, to be saddened by this

1 brave soldier's death and to honor the supreme sacrifice he paid
2 on behalf of this nation and this Commonwealth; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
4 and express condolences upon the death of Staff Sergeant Eric
5 Holman, an American hero who paid the supreme sacrifice on
6 August 15, 2012, while serving his country in Afghanistan.