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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 20, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing with sadness the supreme sacrifice of Sergeant
2 Joshua Rimer, who died on July 29, 2009, from wounds
3 sustained when his vehicle was struck by an improvised
4 explosive device while he was courageously serving our nation
5 in Afghanistan, and extending condolences.

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Joshua Rimer of New Sewickley Township made
7 the supreme sacrifice for his country when he was killed in
8 action when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive
9 device in Afghanistan on July 29, 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rimer, 24, a 2003 graduate of Freedom Area High

1 School, joined the military right after graduation from high
2 school and spent three years in Iraq on his first tour of duty;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, After re-enlisting for another four years, Sgt.
5 Rimer continued to serve in Iraq until February, when his entire
6 battalion was transferred to Afghanistan; and

7 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rimer was serving with the 82nd Engineer
8 Battalion and traveling in an escort vehicle for a convoy when
9 he was killed by an improvised explosive device; and

10 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rimer, a gunner on one of the escort vehicles,
11 who was due to be discharged in March, was stationed in Fort
12 Carson, Colorado; and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rimer lived with his wife, Annalisa, in
14 Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

15 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rimer earned a Purple Heart during his first
16 tour of duty in Iraq in 2004 after receiving shrapnel wounds to
17 the neck; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Sgt. Rimer is survived by
19 his parents, Donna and Jim Rimer, his sister, Shannon, and his
20 grandparents, Effie Rimer and Russell and Jane Wright; therefore
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize with
23 sadness the supreme sacrifice of Sergeant Joshua Rimer, who died
24 July 29, 2009, while courageously serving our nation in
25 Afghanistan; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
27 condolences to the wife, parents, sister and grandparents of
28 Sgt. Joshua Rimer.