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NOVEMBER 14, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to and honoring the memory of Staff Sgt. Shawn A.  
2 Graham, a member of the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th  
3 Infantry Division, 124th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the  
4 Texas Army National Guard, who tragically lost his life while  
5 on active duty in Iraq.

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Shawn a. Graham was born in Orange,  
7 California, on March 25, 1971, graduated from Grove City High  
8 School in 1989 and attended Slippery Rock University; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Graham joined the Pennsylvania National  
10 Guard in 1988 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in

1 1990, serving ten years of active duty; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2002 the Marine Corps recalled Staff Sgt. Graham  
3 to active duty for one year; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Graham's love of country led him to  
5 service with the Texas Army National Guard in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, In January 2005 Staff Sgt. Graham was deployed to  
7 Iraq for a tour of duty as a member of the 56th Brigade Combat  
8 Team, 36th Infantry Division, 124th Armored Cavalry Regiment;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, On September 25, 2005, Staff Sgt. Graham died  
11 tragically in Balad, Iraq, of injuries sustained in a vehicle  
12 accident while on mission that day in Baghdad, Iraq; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Graham, beloved husband of Jeannette  
14 Villalpando Graham, son of Kathleen and Thomas Graham and  
15 brother of Sheila R. Berry and Staff Sgt. Nicholas R. Graham,  
16 was courageously and honorably serving his country and the  
17 campaign for Iraqi Freedom at the time of his death; therefore  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay special  
20 tribute to the life of Staff Sgt. Shawn A. Graham, with  
21 gratitude for his unfaltering courage, selflessness, dedication  
22 and valor, and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
23 family; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
25 the family of Staff Sgt. Shawn A. Graham in Grove City,  
26 Pennsylvania, with deepest respect for his ultimate sacrifice in  
27 the fight for freedom on behalf of the citizens of this  
28 Commonwealth and our nation.