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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 1, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and extending condolences for the supreme
2 sacrifice of United States Army Major Michael Lewis Mundell
3 of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, who tragically lost
4 his life in service to our country in Iraq on January 5,
5 2007.

6 WHEREAS, Major Michael Lewis Mundell, born on April 14, 1959,
7 was a native of Canonsburg, Washington County; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Mundell was the son of the late Dale and Helen
9 Mundell, the beloved husband of Audrey Cundiff Mundell, the
10 father of Erica Lynn, Ryan Daniel Andrew, Zachary Lewis and
11 Thomas Dale Mundell, the brother of Deanna Sofranko and the

1 uncle of Taylor Sofranko and Kenny Sofranko; and

2 WHEREAS, Major Mundell graduated from Canon-McMillan High
3 School in 1977, attended college in Waynesburg and transferred
4 to Washington and Jefferson College to enroll in the ROTC
5 program, graduating in 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, Major Mundell majored in history at Washington and
7 Jefferson College, was an avid historian of the United States
8 Civil War and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Washington and Jefferson
10 College, Major Mundell was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant
11 and attended the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Mundell's first assignment was in Germany,
13 where he served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and S3
14 Air; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1984 Major Mundell returned to Fort Knox, where
16 he served as an Instructor and as a Troop Commander until 1988,
17 when he became a Professor of Military Science at the University
18 of Dayton; and

19 WHEREAS, After leaving the Army, Major Mundell returned to
20 Fort Knox, where he worked in private industry as an
21 Intelligence Officer, Senior Military Analyst and Senior OC Team
22 Leader responsible for training battalion and brigade staffs;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, Major
25 Mundell volunteered to be recalled to active duty to serve our
26 country in the war in Iraq; and

27 WHEREAS, Major Mundell commanded a unit of American and Iraqi
28 soldiers who were responsible for searching for improvised
29 explosive devices (IEDs); and

30 WHEREAS, IEDs are a major weapon used by terrorists in Iraq,

1 and locating and disabling these explosives is a critical and
2 hazardous mission and directly contributes to the safety of
3 soldiers and Iraqi citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, After being wounded by a bullet late in 2006, Major
5 Mundell returned to command his unit and died tragically as a
6 result of injuries sustained when an IED detonated; and

7 WHEREAS, Major Mundell bravely and heroically volunteered for
8 duty in Iraq so that he could protect his family, friends and
9 all Americans who cherish freedom, and he made the ultimate
10 sacrifice in that endeavor; and

11 WHEREAS, As recognition of his valor and service to his
12 country, Major Mundell was awarded the Bronze Star Medal
13 (posthumous), Purple Heart (10LC-posthumous), Meritorious
14 Service Medal (posthumous), Army Commendation Medal, Army
15 Achievement Medal (10LC), National Defense Service Medal (1BSS),
16 Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed
17 Forces Reserve Medal (M), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service
18 Ribbon (10LC) and the Combat Action Badge (posthumous);
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay tribute to
21 and honor the memory of Major Michael Lewis Mundell, with
22 gratitude for his courage, leadership and selflessness in
23 fighting for freedom on behalf of the citizens of our nation and
24 this Commonwealth; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend deepest
26 condolences to Major Michael Lewis Mundell's family and friends;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
29 the family of Major Michael Lewis Mundell.