

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 284 Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 11, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the death of
2 Marine Corporal Eric M. Torbert, Jr., who paid the supreme
3 sacrifice on December 18, 2010, while serving his country in
4 Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Eric M. Torbert, Jr., enlisted into the
6 Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina, in October 2007;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Cpl. Torbert served as a combat engineer with the
9 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine
10 Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, California; and

11 WHEREAS, Cpl. Torbert left for Afghanistan for his first

1 combat deployment in November 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, On Saturday, December 18, 2010, Cpl. Torbert was
3 killed during combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand
4 Province; and

5 WHEREAS, Cpl. Torbert's personal service awards include the
6 Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct,
7 National Defense Ribbon, Global War on Terror Service,
8 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, Sea Service
9 with one Bronze Star, Global War on Terror Expeditionary and
10 NATO Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, Writing of Cpl. Torbert, Lt. Gen. Thomas D.
12 Waldhauser, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary
13 Force, stated, "He truly embodied the Marine Corps values of
14 honor, courage and commitment"; and

15 WHEREAS, Marcelle L. Sebastian Torbert, who was married to
16 Cpl. Torbert on June 12, 2010, said of Cpl. Torbert, "He was
17 always going to be my inspiration... He had such a heart of
18 gold"; and

19 WHEREAS, A 2003 graduate of Penn Manor High School, Cpl.
20 Torbert enjoyed listening to music, playing the guitar and
21 playing in a local band, Whyte Lightning; and

22 WHEREAS, Cpl. Torbert is survived by his wife, Marcelle; his
23 mother, Denise; his father, Eric, Sr.; his sister, Lynn; and his
24 brother, Dennis; and

25 WHEREAS, It is fitting to commend the patriotic and heroic
26 contributions that Cpl. Torbert made, to be saddened by this
27 brave young Marine's death and to honor the supreme sacrifice he
28 paid on behalf of this nation and this Commonwealth; therefore
29 be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life

1 and express condolences upon the death of Marine Corporal Eric
2 M. Torbert, Jr., who paid the supreme sacrifice on December 18,
3 2010, while serving his country in Afghanistan.