

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 443 Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 6, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Master Sergeant Kenneth B. Elwell, of Bucks County, who
 2 was killed in Afghanistan on July 17, 2011.
 3 WHEREAS, Kenneth B. Elwell, 33, a native of Bucks County,
 4 graduated from Council Rock High School in 1997; and
 5 WHEREAS, He was an accomplished varsity soccer player since
 6 ninth grade; and
 7 WHEREAS, He also was a member of the Ukrainian Nationals Team
 8 and the Fox Chase and Northampton soccer clubs; and
 9 WHEREAS, He enlisted in the Army in October 1997; and
 10 WHEREAS, He was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, with
 11 the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade

1 Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; and

2 WHEREAS, He served one tour of duty in Bosnia, one tour in
3 South Korea, two tours in Iraq and a previous tour in
4 Afghanistan; and

5 WHEREAS, Sgt. Elwell was deployed to Afghanistan again in May
6 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, On July 17, 2011, Sgt. Elwell was killed by a
8 roadside bomb while on patrol in Afghanistan's Kandahar
9 Province; and

10 WHEREAS, Also killed was Private 1st Class Tyler M.
11 Springmann, and seven other soldiers were wounded in the blast;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Elwell was posthumously promoted to Master
14 Sergeant; and

15 WHEREAS, Sgt. Elwell is survived by his wife of eight years,
16 Kristin; his son Nicholas, 4; daughter Elise, 6; and his mother,
17 Janice; and

18 WHEREAS, Sgt. Elwell died in the courageous and valorous
19 service of his grateful nation and has earned the lasting
20 admiration and honor of its citizens; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
22 Master Sergeant Kenneth B. Elwell and extend condolences to his
23 family and friends.