

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian.

With deepest respect and admiration, we pay homage and tribute to Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian.

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, was born on June 28, 1977, and he traversed these earthly bounds on February 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian was the loving husband of Jurley Pomeroy; the doting father of two sons, Elijah and Avery, and one daughter, Laura Bell; and the brother of Nathan, Hunter, and Emily Torian; and he leaves behind many other friends and family who loved him dearly; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian was a graduate of Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, Maryland, and attended the University of Tennessee-Martin on a football scholarship where he graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree. Master Sergeant Torian then attended Tennessee Tech University, earning a master's degree before joining the United States Marine Corps in 2003 and subsequently serving six tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian rose with extraordinary speed to the top of enlisted ranks of the Marine Corps. In 2005, as a reconnaissance Marine, Master Sergeant Torian was named 2nd Marine Division Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. In 2006, Master Sergeant Torian was assigned to the 2nd Marine Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune; and

WHEREAS, the life of Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian ended prematurely from injuries sustained during combat training operations while serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Navy Commendations Medal with Combat Distinguished Device, Navy

Achievement Medal, Marine Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with three stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian and is deeply grateful for the ultimate sacrifice he made for the freedom of all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby express its profound sense of gratitude for the service and sacrifice made by Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian and extends to his family and many friends its most heartfelt sympathy.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and honor of Master Sergeant Aaron Carl Torian.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit two copies of this Resolution to Jim and Esta Smith, 2376 Lynnwood Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.