

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to
2 enact H.R. 6234, the Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act of 2016.

3 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a medal of the highest honor, awarded only to those
4 who have been wounded or killed in action either on the battlefield or by an act of
5 international terrorism; and

6 WHEREAS, these medals rightly belong with those to whom they were awarded, or
7 with those persons' next of kin, in order to honor those who have sacrificed and protect
8 the integrity of the Purple Heart medal; and

9 WHEREAS, Purple Heart medals have become highly sought-after and valuable
10 collector's items, leading to increased numbers of Purple Hearts in the hands of sellers
11 and collectors rather than in the hands of service members and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, these medals belong in the hands of service members and their
13 families as a tangible reminder of the sacrifices of those service members; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 2008 Regular Session, the Kentucky General Assembly
15 passed House Bill 110, known as the Stolen Valor Act, which introduced penalties for
16 those who misrepresent military status for monetary gain in order to protect the honor and
17 integrity of those who have served; and

18 WHEREAS, the selling and trading of Purple Heart medals, like the
19 misrepresentation of military status for monetary gain penalized by the Stolen Valor Act,
20 degrades the valor of the sacrifices made by service members;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
23 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

24 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly recognizes and honors the sacrifices of those
25 to whom Purple Hearts are awarded and wishes to protect the legacy of those service
26 members.

27 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly urges Congress to enact the Private Corrado

1 Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act, which will ensure that Purple Heart medals stay in
2 the hands of the service members to whom they were awarded and in the hands of service
3 members' families so as to honor those who have sacrificed during their service and
4 protect the integrity of the Purple Heart medal.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
6 Resolution to each member of Kentucky's Congressional delegation.