

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6021

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Lt. j.g. Jeff Vignery.

WHEREAS, Lt. j.g. Jeff Vignery, of Goodland, was one of the 24 crew members of the EP-3E surveillance aircraft that was damaged in a collision with a Chinese F-8 fighter and spent 11 days in Chinese custody; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese aircraft struck the nose of the American aircraft and fell into the sea killing the pilot. The American plane fell 7,000 to 8,000 feet before the pilot and crew were able to regain control and make an emergency landing at a Chinese air base; and

WHEREAS, The crew was returned to its home station, NAS Whidbey Island at Oak Harbor, Washington, on April 14, 2001, to a rousing welcome by fellow squadron members of VQ1, other station members and family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lt. j.g. Vignery was met by his wife, Julie, and his parents, Ron and Judi Vignery, of Goodland; and

WHEREAS, It is only through the brave efforts of the men and women of VQ1 and the vigilance of the valiant members of our military services that America remains strong and the leading power of our universe: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Lt. j.g. Jeff Vignery upon his safe return to his home and family and salute his gallantry in America's defense.

House Resolution No. 6021 was sponsored by Representative Jim Morrison.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*