

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6025

A RESOLUTION in memory of Jacob Lee Butler.

WHEREAS, Jacob Lee Butler, 24, of Wellsville, a Sergeant in the United States Army, was killed April 1, 2003, in Assamawah, Iraq, while participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He gave his life so that others could enjoy freedom and democracy. He was the first Kansan and the first soldier from Fort Riley to be killed in action in Iraq. Sergeant Butler was a scout for the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, a dangerous job doing reconnaissance to locate and obtain information about enemy forces; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Butler enlisted in the United State Army in November 1998. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, for two years before reenlisting in 2001 and being transferred to Fort Riley. As a cavalry scout he was deployed to Kuwait in 1999 and again in 2002. He returned to that area for the third time in March of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Butler loved being in the Army; he was a proud member of the United States Army and a loyal member of the Association of the United States Army. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze service star and Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Butler was born April 26, 1978, in Merriam. He moved with his parents to Wellsville in 1990. He attended Wellsville public schools and graduated from Wellsville High School in 1996. He is remembered in Wellsville as a likable, hard working young man and as the boy next door who helped his father and was a trusted employee at the local grocery store. The entire Wellsville community has joined in giving homage to this young man and in offering condolences to his family; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Butler was not married. He is survived by his parents, James C. and Cynthia D. Butler; four brothers, James C. Butler, Jr., Joshua M. Butler, Joseph D. Butler and Justin M. Butler; his paternal grandparents, Robert J. and Nancy J. Butler; four uncles and aunts and several cousins: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sergeant Butler and express our appreciation and gratitude for the service and sacrifice he made for his country, state and community.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.