

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1607

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States regarding the award of the Purple Heart medal.

WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Travis Eichelberger, a native of Atchison, Kansas, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2000 and was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries received while in Iraq. After being hospitalized for some time at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and returning to Kansas awaiting a medical discharge from the medical service, he was notified that the award of his medal was a mistake and would be withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Eichelberger is included in a group of 11 marines whose Purple Heart medals have been withdrawn for injuries received while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is through the patriotic efforts of young men such as Corporal Eichelberger that the United States is able to take military action to bring freedom and democracy to nations such as Iraq. Corporal Eichelberger is very proud of his service in the Marine Corps and would gladly serve again if physically able: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Kansas Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States to direct that necessary action be taken so that Corporal Eichelberger retain the Purple Heart medal he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State provide enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.