

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6029

A RESOLUTION in memory of Staff Sergeant Bryant Wayne Mackey.

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bryant Wayne Mackey was killed in action on February 20, 2008 in Mosul, Iraq. Sergeant Mackey was from Eureka, Kansas. He died of wounds sustained when his vehicle was attacked with a rocket-propelled grenade; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mackey enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2001 and was trained to drive tanks. A patriotic and dedicated soldier, Sergeant Mackey was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq. During his first tour of duty in Iraq, he was injured trying to move a comrade out of harm's way. Sergeant Mackey was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mackey was a much decorated soldier. For his valient service he received the Army Achievement Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon. Sergeant Mackey was also awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Sergeant Mackey has also been posthumously recognized for his selfless patriotism and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and a Purple Heart.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mackey was born on August 17, 1977, in Dodge City, Kansas. His family then moved to Eureka and Sergeant Mackey graduated from Hamilton High School. On April 21, 1997, Sergeant Mackey married Marie Stapp; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mackey is survived by his wife, Marie Mackey; two sons, Ryan and Koby; one daughter, Stephanie; his father, Vietnam veteran Carl Lynn and wife Pamela June Mackey; his mother Karen Nelson and her husband Ben Nelson; five brothers and four sisters, and many other friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, February 29, 2008, Sergeant Mackey was buried with full military honors at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard, Kansas. Governor Kathleen Sebelius also ordered flags to be flown at half-staff that day in memory of Sergeant Mackey's courage and sacrifice for his country: 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 Staff Sergeant Mackey and declare our appreciation for his service to his country and to the state of Kansas and for his exemplary courage and patriotism.

House Resolution No. 6029 was sponsored by Representatives Forrest Knox, Jeff King and Peggy Mast.

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.