

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 270.

A resolution recognizing Michigan residents who have given their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas, It is with great respect for the unselfishness that marked their entire lives, that we offer this expression of tribute to honor the men and women of our military; and

Whereas, SGT Trevor A. Blumberg, of Canton, Michigan, died in action on September 14, 2003; and

Whereas, SP4 Artimus Brassfield, of Flint, Michigan, died in action on October 24, 2003; and

Whereas, PFC Damian S. Bushart, of Waterford, Michigan, died in a vehicle accident on November 22, 2003; and

Whereas, CPT Paul J. Cassidy, of Laingsburg, Michigan, died on July 13, 2003; and

Whereas, SSG Thomas W. Christensen, of Atlantic Mine, Michigan, died in action on December 25, 2003; and

Whereas, PFC Juan Guadalupe Garza, of Temperance, Michigan, died in action on April 8, 2003; and

Whereas, SP4 Richard A. Goward, of Midland, Michigan, died in a vehicle accident on April 14, 2003; and

Whereas, SSG Stephen C. Hattamer, of Gwinn, Michigan, died in action on December 25, 2003; and

Whereas, SFC Mark W. Jackson, of Glennie, Michigan, died in an explosion on October 2, 2002; and

Whereas, SSG Paul J. Johnson, of Calumet, Michigan, died in action on October 20, 2003; and

Whereas, PFC Holly J. McGeogh, of Taylor, Michigan, died in action on January 31, 2004; and

Whereas, PFC Jason Meyer, of Swartz Creek, Michigan, died in action on April 8, 2003; and

Whereas, MAJ Kevin G. Nave, of Union Lake, Michigan, died in a vehicle accident on March 26, 2003; and

Whereas, MSG William L. Payne, of Otsego, Michigan, died in an ordnance explosion on May 16, 2003; and

Whereas, SGT Michael Pederson, of Flint, Michigan, died in a helicopter crash on April 2, 2003; and

Whereas, SSG Brett J. Petriken, of Flint, Michigan, died in a vehicle accident on May 26, 2003; and

Whereas, Senior Airman Jason T. Plite, of Delta Township, Michigan, died in a helicopter crash on March 23, 2003; and

Whereas, SGT Sean C. Reynolds, of East Lansing, Michigan, died of a gunshot wound on May 3, 2003; and

Whereas, SGT Todd J. Robbins, of Pentwater, Michigan, died in action on April 3, 2003; and

Whereas, PFC Richard Rosas, of St. Louis, Michigan, died in action on May 25, 2004; and

Whereas, SSG Scott D. Sather, of Clio, Michigan, died in action on April 8, 2003; and

Whereas, SSG Michael Sutter, stationed at Camp Grayling, Michigan, died while disarming an explosive on December 26, 2003; and

Whereas, SP4 Richard K. Trevithick, of Gaines, Michigan, died in action on April 14, 2004; and

Whereas, SSG Mark D. Vasquez, of Port Huron, Michigan, died in action on November 8, 2003; and

Whereas, SP4 Donald Wheeler, of Concord, Michigan, died in action on October 13, 2003; and

Whereas, PFC Jason G. Wright, of Luzeme, Michigan, died in action on December 8, 2003; and

Whereas, TSGT Howard A. Walters, of Port Huron, Michigan, died in a helicopter crash on November 23, 2003; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the Michigan residents who have given their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That this document is signed and dedicated to offer our highest tribute to the men and women of our military as we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our great nation.