

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13

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WHEREAS, "Freedom is Not Free," and our members of the armed forces of the United States of America lead the way in bringing peace, democracy, and the joy of freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, our young men and women of the armed forces swear to defend the United States of America against all evil; and

WHEREAS, our young men and women of the armed forces leave home, family, and employment behind and embark upon a journey for which they do not know if they will be reunited; and

WHEREAS, the bravery and dedication of our American military is above all measures a display of loyalty, perseverance, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, there are those who leave us way too early and return adorned with the flag of the United States of America - "Old Glory"; and

WHEREAS, such a young soldier has returned home to his loved ones having given the ultimate sacrifice - life - for our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, even as our men and women of the armed forces are serving around the world in the hope of a lasting peace and freedom for all, we suffer losses not on the battlefield, but still losses that deserve honor. Such is the case for Sergeant Joshua Jacob Mann, United States Army 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Sergeant Mann succumbed to heat-related

circumstances on active duty on Saturday, July 30, 2011, and his passing is no less painful to his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mann received a number of commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mann served his nation with honor, and this resolution honors his service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mann leaves behind his wife, Rachel, parents David and Melanie, brother Ben Mann and Ben's wife, Melissa, brother Jacob Mann, grandparents Victor and Reba Mann, Dick and Judy Danielson, and in-laws Brad Wolff and Donna Wolff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice made by Sergeant Joshua Jacob Mann and his family for our freedom. There is no price that will ever repay this soldier and his family for what Joshua did out of love of God, country, family, and freedom for one and all.

2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and gratitude to the loved ones of Sergeant Joshua Jacob Mann. Indeed, "Freedom is Not Free." May his soul rest in peace and may God bless America.