

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 201**

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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, Staff Sergeant James Alan Justice gave his life on April 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, James volunteered for duty in Afghanistan in early 2011 to be with his unit in the Iowa Army National Guard because he loved his country and felt that was where he should be; and

WHEREAS, after completing a routine security patrol at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, word was received of a downed OH-58 Kiowa helicopter in the neighboring Kapisa province northeast of Kabul. James and some of his fellow soldiers from the Iowa Army National Guard's Alpha Troop 1st Squadron 113th Cavalry boarded a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to rescue the two-man crew of the downed helicopter; and

WHEREAS, after their craft landed the group came under small arms fire. James was killed at the site. James was 32 years, 9 months, and 24 days of age. James was escorted home to Iowa from Dover Air Force Base by OC Alan Schmeckpepper; and

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

WHEREAS, James left behind a loving wife, Amanda Jo Sand Justice, a three-year-old daughter, Caydence Lillian Justice, parents, Larry and Lillian Justice, and siblings, Kenneth Justice, Denise Christensen, and Christina Lingle.

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

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

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