

House Resolution No. 3920

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of United States Army Corporal Benjamin Ashley at the age of twenty-two on May 24, 2007, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, a 2002 graduate of Truman High School, Corporal Benjamin Ashley was an Eagle Scout and a jazz, concert, and marching band saxophone player who joined the military in March 2004; and

Whereas, Benjamin Ashley served as a Tactical Data Systems Specialist assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, which is a unit that was organized on March 1, 1776, by Captain Alexander Hamilton in New York during the Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, prior to his deployment to Iraq in September 2006, Corporal Benjamin Ashley served at Fort Riley, Kansas; and

Whereas, Corporal Benjamin Ashley is survived by his beloved wife, Cassandra; their two-year-old son, Alex; his parents, Ken and Donna Ashley; and a sister, Khristin Dutzel; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in their diverse daily activities in order to recognize the contributions of such outstanding Missouri soldiers as Corporal Benjamin Ashley of the United States Army:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of United States Army Corporal Benjamin Ashley and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Benjamin Ashley of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3920, adopted May 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker