

By Representatives Hogan, Kravitz, Davis, Bean, Mahon,
Jordan, Fields, Wiles, Pickens and Lee

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution paying tribute to the memory of
3 Sgt. Bradley Crose.

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5 WHEREAS, described by his father as a devout Christian,
6 and possessed of a reputation for being fiercely principled,
7 Orange Park native son Bradley Crose graduated from high
8 school in 1998 and, determined to fulfill his dream of
9 "jumping from airplanes," joined the United States Army,
10 quickly rising to the rank of sergeant, and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Bradley Crose proved to be an exceptional
12 Army Ranger and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger
13 Regiment, of Savannah, Georgia, a highly trained special
14 operations group prepared for deployment anywhere in the world
15 on 18 hours' notice, and

16 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2002, Sgt. Bradley Crose, 22, was
17 in command of a six-member fire team, part of a helicopter
18 rescue team in Afghanistan sent to retrieve the body of a Navy
19 SEAL who had been killed in combat, and

20 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2002, Sgt. Bradley Crose was one
21 of six United States soldiers who died in the snow-capped
22 mountains of east Afghanistan, the result of enemy fire, and

23 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2002, six months after the tragic
24 events that sent Sgt. Bradley Crose to his death on foreign
25 soil, thousands of silent, flag-carrying mourners lined the
26 streets of Orange Park in their last tribute to a fallen
27 warrior as his funeral procession made its way from Pinewood
28 Presbyterian Church to Jacksonville Memory Gardens, where he
29 was laid to rest, and

30 WHEREAS, in his life, Sgt. Bradley Crose set a standard
31 of incredible moral courage, and, in his death, he became an

1 example of extreme patriotism and devotion to country, NOW,
2 THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
8 deliberations to pay tribute to Sgt. Bradley Crose, truly one
9 of America's finest heroes.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
11 be presented to Sheila Maguhn and to Rick Crose, parents of
12 the late Sgt. Bradley Crose.

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