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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of Spc. Pat Tillman,
United States Army.

WHEREAS, Spc. Pat Tillman was killed in the line of duty on
April 22, 2004, at the age of 27, while serving in Afghanistan
as a member of the United States Army's Second Battalion, 75th
Ranger Regiment, and

WHEREAS, Pat Tillman chose to forego great financial and
personal rewards as a member of the Arizona Cardinals in the
National Football League and instead risked, and ultimately
lost, his life in defense of freedom and his country, and

WHEREAS, Pat Tillman believed that, despite his status as a
professional athlete, his willingness to serve in the military
was no more remarkable than that of his fellow service men and
women, and

WHEREAS, Pat Tillman, out of humility and deference to his
brothers and sisters in the Armed Forces, demonstrated that
belief by avoiding media attention and even declining to attend
the popular ESPN ESPY award ceremony, at which he and his
brother Kevin, also an Army Ranger, were to receive the Arthur
Ashe Courage Award, and

WHEREAS, Pat Tillman displayed a sense of honor and duty
that transcended any desire for fame or riches, the comforts of
home, or even regard for his own safety and thus provides us
with an example of character and dignity which is worthy of
emulation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
30 | Florida:

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32 | That the House of Representatives pauses to honor the
33 | memory of Spc. Pat Tillman, Second Battalion, 75th Ranger
34 | Regiment, United States Army, and to express its sorrow at his
35 | death and its gratitude for his selfless service to his country.

36 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
37 | presented to Mrs. Marie Tillman, widow of Pat Tillman, and to
38 | his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tillman, Sr., as a tangible
39 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.