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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring United States Army Sergeant First  
3 Class Paul R. Smith.

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5 WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant First Class Paul R.  
6 Smith, well-known among his fellow soldiers as a strong,  
7 exceptional leader who "led from the front," served his country  
8 with great valor and honor as a respected member of Company B,  
9 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, of the United  
10 States Army, and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. 1st Class Smith was a Florida resident,  
12 having been raised in Tampa, and his wife and children currently  
13 reside in Holiday, Florida, and

14 WHEREAS, during battle on April 4, 2003, as Sgt. 1st Class  
15 Smith and his fellow soldiers, although significantly  
16 outnumbered, fought with great determination to protect the  
17 lives and positions of other soldiers in the area, Sgt. 1st  
18 Class Smith repeatedly exposed himself to overwhelming enemy  
19 fire until he was fatally wounded, and

20 WHEREAS, for actions above and beyond the call of duty,  
21 Sgt. 1st Class Smith has been posthumously awarded the  
22 Congressional Medal of Honor in recognition of his heroic  
23 actions on April 4, 2003, and

24 WHEREAS, Sgt. 1st Class Smith's sacrificial conduct  
25 epitomizes the extraordinary character and selfless nature of  
26 our nation's fighting forces, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31 |       That the House of Representatives recognizes the late  
32 | United States Army Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith with  
33 | untold gratitude, admiration, and honor for the ultimate  
34 | sacrifice he made on behalf of his country.

35 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
36 | presented to the family of United States Army Sergeant First  
37 | Class Paul R. Smith as a tangible token of the sentiments  
38 | expressed herein.