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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 26, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life and service of United States
 2 Air Force Technical Sergeant Daniel L. Zerbe and paying
 3 tribute to his sacrifice in the line of duty.

4 WHEREAS, Daniel Zerbe was born on June 27, 1983, in
 5 Chambersburg; and

6 WHEREAS, Daniel Zerbe graduated from Red Lion Area High
 7 School in 2001 and enlisted in the United States Air Force; and

8 WHEREAS, Daniel Zerbe was a Technical Sergeant in the
 9 Pararescue Unit of the 24th Special Tactics Unit, stationed out
 10 of Pope Field, North Carolina; and

11 WHEREAS, While still in high school, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe aspired

1 to join the Air Force Pararescue Jumpers, the only military unit
2 trained specifically in the recovery and medical treatment of
3 soldiers in battle; and

4 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe gave his life on August 6, 2011, in
5 Wardak Province, Afghanistan, while on a mission with other
6 Special Forces soldiers to protect Army Rangers engaged in a
7 firefight with insurgents; and

8 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe demonstrated a deep fidelity to
9 this country, bravely facing the dangers of his noble profession
10 and performing his duties with exemplary knowledge, ability and
11 integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe served with great distinction,
13 recognized by the United States Air Force with decorations such
14 as the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple
15 Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with
16 seven oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal with one
17 oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air
18 Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Combat Action Medal,
19 and he was selected as the Air Force Pararescueman NCO of the
20 Year for 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe was posthumously awarded the Bronze
22 Star with Valor; and

23 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe's last moments were spent in the
24 service of the United States Air Force, valiantly attempting to
25 rescue his fellow soldiers; and

26 WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Zerbe is survived by his parents, Terry
27 and Susan; his brother, Christopher; his sister, Megan; his
28 paternal grandparents, Douglas and Shirley; his maternal
29 grandparents, Leslie and Sheila Noel; and extended family;
30 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
2 honor the life and service of United States Air Force Technical
3 Sergeant Daniel L. Zerbe and pay tribute to his sacrifice in the
4 line of duty.