

No. R-9. House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Army Cpl. Ryan Casey McGhee.

(H.C.R. 3)
(SPECIAL SESSION)

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Ryan McGhee grew up in Springfield where he had many friends,
and

Whereas, he had completed the ninth grade as a member of the class of
2006 at Springfield High School prior to his family relocating to Virginia, and

Whereas, Ryan McGhee graduated from Massaponax High School in
Fredericksburg, Virginia, where as a senior he was selected as the friendliest
and most charming member of the class, and

Whereas, following his high school graduation, he fulfilled a personal goal
when he enlisted in the United States Army and completed the highly technical
and demanding training that enabled him to become a U.S. Army Ranger, and

Whereas, in October 2007, Ryan McGhee was sent to Afghanistan for the
first of three deployments, and

Whereas, most recently, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was deployed to Iraq as a
member of the 75th Ranger Regiment, 3d Battalion based at Fort Benning,
Georgia, and he was a weapons squad team leader with the regiment's
Company D, and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was killed when his unit was subjected to small arms fire in central Iraq while in pursuit of a weapons provider and a suicide-bombing cell, and

Whereas, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was the recipient of numerous honors for his outstanding military service, including the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Gold Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutists Badge, and the Ranger Tab, and

Whereas, after leaving Vermont in 2003, Ryan McGhee remained in contact with a number of his Vermont friends and was communicating with them via his Facebook page until shortly before his death, and

Whereas, he had planned to renew the ties with his former Springfield High School classmates this summer when he was scheduled to visit Vermont and introduce them to his fiancée, Ashleigh Martin, and

Whereas, his father and stepmother, Steven and Kristie McGhee of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, his mother, Sherrie McGhee of Knoxville, Tennessee, his brother, Zachary of Stafford County, Virginia, and his fiancée, Ashleigh Martin, as well as his friends in Vermont, in Virginia, and in the U.S. Army were saddened to learn of his death while he was proudly serving his nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of
U.S. Army Cpl. Ryan McGhee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send four copies of this
resolution to his family.