

**No. R-12. House concurrent resolution in memory of United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony James Rosa of Swanton.**

(H.C.R.3)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Anthony Rosa, known fondly among his many friends as Chuckie, was raised in Swanton where he actively participated in the life of his community, and

Whereas, athletics were a favorite pastime, and as a high school student, he played football and golf with both skill and good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, even more than his athletic abilities, Anthony Rosa's classmates at Missisquoi Valley Union High School associated him with his friendly manner, warm personality, and consistently good manners, and

Whereas, in fact, the class of 2008, of which he was a graduating member, voted him the student with the best smile and laugh, and

Whereas, deeply patriotic and strongly desirous of serving our nation, Anthony Rosa enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was most recently assigned to a battalion based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina prior to his deployment to Afghanistan, and

Whereas, on Thursday, September 23, 2010, Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa was supporting combat operation in Helmand province in Afghanistan when he was killed in action, and

Whereas, the citizens of Swanton, and most especially his family and the parishioners of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, where Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa had worshiped all his life, received news of his death with sadness and paused to reflect on the life of this outstanding young man, and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa was honored and remembered at a funeral mass that, in order to accommodate the large number of persons wishing to pay their final respects to this brave fallen soldier, was celebrated at Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, his memory will be ever present with his mother, Darcie Berger, father, James Rosa, siblings, Jessica Rosa and her husband, Adrian Valentin, Jennifer, James II, Shannon, and Alexis, his maternal grandmother, Ariel Corbiere Berger, paternal stepgrandmother, Rosita Morales, and many extended family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony James Rosa of Swanton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents and each of his siblings and grandparents.