

No. R-417. House concurrent resolution in memory of United States Marine Corporal Ian M. Muller of Danville.

(H.C.R.217)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, serving in the United States Marines was a career for which 22-year-old Corporal Ian Muller of Danville was eminently suited, and

Whereas, primarily home-educated, he played viola in the Green Mountain Youth Symphony, participated in sports at Danville High School including soccer and track, and greatly enjoyed skiing and snowboarding, and

Whereas, Ian Muller took art lessons and studied graphic design at Lyndon State College but eventually decided the best way for him to make a meaningful societal contribution was serving in our nation's armed forces, and

Whereas, on surveying the available options, Ian Muller selected the United States Marine Corps, which he joined in December 2007, because he viewed this smallest of the military services as an elite fighting force whose standards were the most personally demanding, and

Whereas, this choice made perfect sense for a man who loved the challenge of extreme sports and bodybuilding, and

Whereas, United States Marine Corporal Ian Muller had most recently been assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and

Whereas, in January 2011, he was deployed with his unit to serve in southern Afghanistan, and

Whereas, on March 11, 2011, Corporal Ian Muller died in Marjah district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, while conducting combat operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, and

Whereas, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Ribbon, and he earned many other honors including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and a Certificate of Commendation “for performance considered noteworthy beyond the call of duty,” and

Whereas, Corporal Ian Muller attended the elite Marine Corps Sniper School and graduated as a designated marksman, and

Whereas, Ian Muller was the third child of Danville realtor Clif Muller and his wife, Susanne, who served as his primary teacher, and

Whereas, Ian Muller grew up in a large yellow farmhouse with his six siblings who from oldest to youngest are Ryan, Dylan, Benjamin, Quinton, and twins Madeleine and Ruben, and

Whereas, the Muller family is known locally for its talented and entrepreneurial children who regularly have sold home-baked artisan goods at the Danville farmers’ market, and

Whereas, this outstanding citizen of Danville who died serving our nation and who was much respected in his community will not be forgotten, 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 Corporal Ian M. Muller of Danville, and be it further

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