

No. R-11. House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Steven J. DeLuzio of South Glastonbury, Connecticut.

(H.C.R.2)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Steven DeLuzio grew up in South Glastonbury, Connecticut and graduated from Glastonbury High School where he cocaptained the state champion ice hockey team, and

Whereas, he pursued college studies at Hofstra University, Norwich University, and the University of Hartford from which he was awarded a bachelor's degree in accountancy cum laude, and

Whereas, in 2004, while a student at Norwich University, Steven DeLuzio enlisted in the Vermont National Guard and remained a member of this state's military force even after leaving Norwich University, and

Whereas, in 2006, as part of Task Force Sabre, he was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, and

Whereas, as a result of his service in Iraq, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Navy Unit Citation, and

Whereas, in 2010, he left his accounting job in Connecticut for his second overseas deployment, and

Whereas, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was serving in Afghanistan as a member of Vermont National Guard's Alpha Company 3-172 Infantry

assigned to the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team which is stationed in Jericho, and

Whereas, on August 22, 2010, while serving on a joint patrol with the Afghan border police in Paktika Province in a mountainous area near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was killed in a firefight with insurgents, and

Whereas, for his brave service in Afghanistan, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the NATO Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Army Good Conduct Medal, and

Whereas, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was buried with full military honors in his hometown on August 30, 2010, and his survivors include his parents, Mark and Diane DeLuzio, his brother and sister-in-law, Sergeant Scott and Victoria DeLuzio, his grandfather, Joseph Lysik, and his fiancée, Leeza Gutt, to whom he was to be married in September 2011, and

Whereas, both his family and colleagues from Connecticut and Vermont will have fond memories of this brave soldier, avid athlete, and wonderful human being, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Steven DeLuzio, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents, grandfather, and fiancée in Glastonbury, Connecticut.