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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A RESOLUTION memorializing Private First Class
Deryk L. Hallal.

*Whereas, Private First Class Deryk L. Hallal, Indianapolis,
Indiana, was killed on April 6, 2004, by hostile fire in Anbar
province, Iraq;*

*Whereas, At the time of his death, Private First Class
Hallal was serving as a rifleman;*

*Whereas, Private First Class Hallal was caught in the open
and under intense enemy rocket-propelled grenade, machine
gun, and small arms fire;*

Whereas, Bravely and without hesitation, Private First

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Class Hallal returned fire, eliminating three insurgents and allowing squad members to position themselves for an assault against the enemy;

Whereas, Under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Hallal bravely led the attack to clear an enemy emplacement;

Whereas, The actions of Private First Class Hallal saved the lives of the members of his squad;

Whereas, Private First Class Hallal was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his valor;

Whereas, Private First Class Hallal was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California;

Whereas, The family and friends of Private First Class Hallal can take comfort in the knowledge that he believed in what he was doing and that he is truly an American hero; and

Whereas, Throughout history brave men and women like Private First Class Hallal have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom throughout the world; without men and women like Private First Class Hallal freedom could not survive: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives pays
- 2 tribute to an outstanding American who gave his life in defense of
- 3 freedom. Private First Class Deryk L. Hallal was killed fighting to
- 4 preserve freedom. Private First Class Hallal died doing what he
- 5 believed in and defending the lives of his fellow Marines. The Indiana
- 6 House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to his family.
- 7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
- 9 Private First Class Deryk L. Hallal.

