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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Smaltz*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing Sergeant JaBraun Knox.

*Whereas, Sergeant JaBraun Steven Knox, assigned to 1st Battalion (Air Assault), 377th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, died May 18, 2012, in Asadabad, Afghanistan, when an enemy rocket struck an area where extra shells were stored;*

*Whereas, Stationed in Afghanistan since November 2011, Sergeant Knox had served in the United States Army for more than three years and had previously been deployed to Iraq;*

*Whereas, Born in Fort Wayne on July 13, 1988, Sergeant Knox was a 2007 graduate of DeKalb High School;*

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*Whereas, Sergeant Knox was an outstanding athlete, playing quarterback and defense in football and center field in baseball, winning all-conference honors from the Northeast Hoosier Conference and first-team all-area recognition from KPC Media Group;*

*Whereas, A member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Sergeant Knox married Courtney Beerbower on November 9, 2009, and later welcomed his son, Braylon;*

*Whereas, Sergeant Knox's passionate love for his country and its citizens was evident in his desire to serve his country;*

*Whereas, Sergeant Knox touched the lives of many people in a positive way, a testament to the man he was; and*

*Whereas, The people of the State of Indiana join with the family, friends, and fellow servicemen and servicewomen of Sergeant JaBraun Knox and extend to his family sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this time of loss: 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. The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy  
4           to his family.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the family of  
7           United States Army Sergeant JaBraun Knox.

