

2008 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

Celebrating the life of Staff Sergeant Chad A. Barrett.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2008
Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2008

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Chad A. Barrett, a former resident of Saltville, died February 2, 2008, while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Staff Sergeant Barrett lived in Saltville in Southwest Virginia before he joined the Army in 1997; and

WHEREAS, from a family devoted to military service—his grandfather fought in World War II and his cousins and brother were all in the armed forces—Staff Sergeant Barrett wanted to make a career of the Army because he felt he had truly found his niche; and

WHEREAS, participating in his third tour of duty in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Barrett was a petroleum supply specialist with the 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, based in Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Barrett received many decorations and awards for his service, including two Army Commendation Medals, three Achievement Medals, three Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, known for his strong work ethic and his infectious smile, Staff Sergeant Barrett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Michelle, his two sons, other members of his beloved family, and many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Barrett's death is a reminder of the perils faced daily by the thousands of Americans who serve in our armed forces overseas and whose devotion to duty places them in harm's way; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Staff Sergeant Chad A. Barrett, a courageous and patriotic Virginian; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Staff Sergeant Chad A. Barrett as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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