

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Trane McCloud, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Armed Forces, including the United States Marine Corps; sadly, many of these honored defenders of our nation and its liberties have fallen in battle throughout our country's history; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2006, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Trane McCloud, United States Marine Corps, died in the line of duty near Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a 17-year veteran of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel McCloud was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and was deployed to Iraq in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, Trane McCloud was posthumously awarded the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in recognition of his dedicated and courageous service while making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Trane McCloud's many other awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a gold star in lieu of a second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, a beloved husband, father, son, and brother, Lieutenant Colonel McCloud was born in Johnson City in 1966 and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1989 with a Bachelor's Degree in History; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel McCloud enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1990 and graduated as a rifleman from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, in April 1990; he went on to serve honorably in Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with his military career, Lieutenant Colonel McCloud also earned a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from American University and served as news director for the *Navy and Marine Corps News* for three years; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, he was selected for the Congressional Fellowship Program and transferred to Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina; his duties included handling legislative matters for education, labor, transportation, and veterans' affairs, in addition to providing insights on Marine Corps programs; and

WHEREAS, those who best knew Lieutenant Colonel McCloud describe him as a true "Marine's Marine" and as always having a smile on his face despite his rigorous and often heartbreaking circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel McCloud served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trane McCloud's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Trane McCloud is survived by his wife, Maggie; their children, Hayden, Grace, and Meghan; his mother and stepfather, Roma and Carl J. Anderson; his father, Ron McCloud; his brother, Richmond McCloud; his sister, Dawn Fattore; his mother-in-law, Ann Hayden; his brother-in-law, Jack Hayden; and his sister-in-law, Kelly Fallon; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to join with the United States Marine Corps and the citizens of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America in honoring the memory of a fallen son; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Trane McCloud of East Tennessee for his heroic sacrifice of his life as a member of the United States Marine Corps and express to his family our sorrow for their loss and our gratitude for his commitment to the cause of freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.