

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 511

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marine Lance Corporal
Cody Evans for his meritorious service.

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, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Volunteer State have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Cody Evans of the Speedwell community, a Lance Corporal with the United States Marine Corps 4th Combat Engineer Battalion out of Knoxville, is one such individual who has answered his country's call of duty and valiantly served as a proud member of the military; and

WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Evans was born on May 23, 1984, and is a graduate of Powell Valley High School, and

WHEREAS, adventurous from a young age, Cody Evans grew up loving cars, motorcycles, and four-wheeling, and was employed at England's prior to joining the Marines; and

WHEREAS, while serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan in December 2011, Lance Cpl. Evans was injured by an improvised explosive device, which shattered his pelvis, forced the

amputation of both of his legs, and has mandated his return home to the United States for his recovery; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the U.S., Cody Evans will head to Bethesda, Maryland, where he will stay for two to three months; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Speedwell community, Claiborne County, and all who know Lance Cpl. Evans are extremely thankful that he is alive and are praying for his recovery, and have offered their support to both him and his mother, Regina; and

WHEREAS, Cody Evans's courageous service stands as an enduring example 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, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize Cody Evans, commending his innumerable personal sacrifices to serve this country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lance Corporal Cody Evans for his stalwart service to the United States Marine Corps and to the people of Afghanistan during his deployment, applaud his unwavering dedication to pursuing the highest ideals of military service, and extend to him our sincerest gratitude and best wishes for a healthy recovery.

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