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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Pellerin, and paying tribute to his courageous actions in Afghanistan

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to express sympathy for the loss of a courageous soldier who sacrificed his life while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is deeply moved to mourn the untimely death of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Pellerin, and pay tribute to his courageous actions in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Justin R. Pellerin, 21, of Concord, New Hampshire, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, died on Thursday, August 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Justin Pellerin joined the United States Army in June of 2007 and arrived at Fort Drum in September of 2007; at the time of his death, he served as an infantryman and deployed with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team in January in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Justin Pellerin was born April 14, 1988, in Berlin; while at Rundlett Middle School, he joined the Air Force Civil Air Patrol, which generated an interest in the military; he graduated from Concord Senior High School through an alternative diploma program; and

WHEREAS, Justin Pellerin was very outgoing and fun-loving; he greatly enjoyed spending time with his family playing games, bowling and singing karaoke and loved exploring the outdoors, fishing and playing golf; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Pellerin's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband, Specialist Justin Pellerin is survived by his wife, Chelsey, parents, Dale and Melissa Farmer, and sisters, Molly and Hannah, as well as numerous other family members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Pellerin, and pay tribute to his courageous actions in Afghanistan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Specialist Justin R. Pellerin.