

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 662

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force 1-9, which has been serving in Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team and is represented today at the State Capitol by Specialist Jonathan Page; and

WHEREAS, The 1st Battalion's mission is to deploy, fight, and win anytime the nation calls, and it has a history of excellence in achieving its goals; its accomplishments have come with a price however--124 Purple Heart Medals were awarded from the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom II through November of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Task Force 1-9 was deployed to Iraq in March, 2004, to disrupt and destroy insurgent cells in Baghdad; its soldiers operated in the most dangerous sections of the Iraqi capital; the actions of Specialist Jonathan Page exemplify the extraordinary bravery shown by our military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan was on patrol when his platoon was called to assist in the medical evacuation of soldiers from the 153rd Infantry and members of an Iraqi Civil Defense corps; after his platoon secured the site of the evacuation, a series of explosions erupted across the street from his position; the explosions were followed by small arms fire; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan helped treat a wounded soldier and took him to safety; he then ran to the top of an apartment building to secure the roof and returned to the street to assist in the evacuation effort; without hesitation, Jonathan placed himself in the line of fire numerous times while continuing to evacuate

casualties; his valiant actions earned him the designation of Task Force 1-9 Hero of the Week; and

WHEREAS, The soldiers in Task Force 1-9 have demonstrated exceptional courage and dedication to duty in the face of daunting challenges while serving their country, and the fortitude they have shown is truly inspirational; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the brave soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force 1-9, and commend Specialist Jonathan Page for his exemplary service to his country in Iraq; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate