

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

WHEREAS, Homes For Our Troops is conducting a Community Kickoff for U.S. Army Corporal Duane McGhghy on November 18, 2023, in Temple; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, HFOT has built more than 360 fully accessible custom homes nationwide for seriously injured veterans; each house features over 40 adaptations that help facilitate independent living, such as wider halls and doorways, automatic door openers, roll-under sinks, stovetops, and counters, and pull-down shelving; the nonprofit also provides veterans with financial planning assistance, homeownership education, and home warranty coverage; and

WHEREAS, The Community Kickoff event marks the start of construction on a four-bedroom, two-bath home for Corporal McGhghy; during a deployment to Iraq in 2007, Corporal McGhghy was serving as a member of Delta Company, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, when his vehicle was hit by an explosively formed penetrator; he was severely wounded as a result of the blast, losing his left leg below the knee and sustaining a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, With the help of a prosthesis and a wheelchair, Corporal McGhghy has continued to enjoy an active lifestyle; he dedicates his efforts to giving back to his fellow veterans, and he rides motorcycles with the Road Warrior Foundation and goes skydiving with Jump For Valor, two organizations that support the military community; moreover, he and his wife, Cortney, operate their own business, Hey Darlin Plants; they are the proud parents of three children, Austin, Chloe, and Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Homes For Our Troops is helping to equip injured veterans with the resources they need to build productive and fulfilling lives, and Corporal Duane McGhghy's new home is sure to serve him and his family well in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the Homes For Our Troops Community Kickoff event for U.S. Army Corporal Duane McGhghy and commend him for his brave and dedicated service to his country; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Corporal McGhghy as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Flores

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 7, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate