

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Memorializes Specialist Nickolas S. Welch, 1987-2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Specialist Nickolas Welch succumbed to wounds received from an enemy a suicide bomber in Soltan Kheyl, Afghanistan, on August 6, 2013. He proudly served as an infantryman, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 honors him.