

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

February 8

1 Delete line 2 of the printed concurrent resolution and insert:

2 “Whereas Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty was born on July 2, 1981, in San Diego, California,
3 while his father was on active duty in the United States Navy; and

4 “Whereas the Fennerty family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where Sergeant Fennerty attended
5 Fruchthendler Elementary School and St. Cyril School; and

6 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty remained close to his childhood friends in Tucson, and his time in
7 San Diego and Tucson made him a lifelong fan of the San Diego Padres, San Diego Chargers and
8 University of Arizona athletics, especially the basketball team; and

9 “Whereas the Fennerty family moved to Portland, Oregon, where Sergeant Fennerty attended
10 St. Thomas More Catholic School for eighth grade and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1999;
11 and

12 “Whereas in 2004, Sergeant Fennerty graduated from Oregon State University, where he ma-
13 jored in history, was a supervisor in the intramural sports program and was a member of the Sigma
14 Pi fraternity; and

15 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was a fan of Oregon State University athletics, especially the
16 football team, and he ended every electronic mail message from Iraq with ‘Go Beavers!’; and

17 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty joined the United States Army in 2004 and, although he was
18 steered toward Officer Candidate School, he chose to become an enlisted infantry soldier; and

19 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was deployed to Iraq with the 509th Infantry (Airborne), 4th
20 Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; and

21 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was killed on January 20, 2007, in Anbar Province, while riding in
22 a military vehicle that was struck by a roadside explosive device; and

23 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and

24 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was known for his fierce loyalty and pride in his country, his fel-
25 low soldiers, the schools he attended, his friends and family, his Irish heritage and his Catholic faith;
26 and

27 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty loved children and volunteered with the Police Activities League
28 in Portland; and

29 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty enjoyed skiing, fishing, reading and spending time with friends and
30 family; and

31 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty hoped to become a high school history teacher after his military
32 service; and

33 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty will be remembered for his hearty laugh, huge bear hugs and fan-
34 tastic grin; and

35 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was survived by his parents, Dr. M. Brian and Maureen Fennerty,

1 and siblings, Kelly, Colleen and Conor Fennerty; and

2 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Shelby Gibson was born on February 15, 1981, in
3 Fairbanks, Alaska; and

4 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson lived in many places due to his father’s military ca-
5 reer, including Alaska, Kentucky and Germany; and

6 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson loved baseball and played on his school teams; and

7 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson graduated from Central Hardin High School in
8 Kentucky in 1999; and

9 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson visited Oregon many times while growing up, staying
10 on his grandparents’ farm in Aurora and, following his high school graduation, he moved there to
11 live with his father; and

12 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson enlisted in the United States Navy in 1999 and spent
13 the following nine years at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California, where he served
14 as a rescue swimmer and an air warfare specialist; and

15 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson also served as a helicopter crew chief and completed
16 two sea deployments, serving primarily in the Middle East; and

17 “Whereas in 2008, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson applied to flight school, which he attended
18 from 2009 to 2011 in Pensacola, Florida; and

19 “Whereas in 2011, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson returned to San Diego as a pilot and was
20 assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron SIX, nicknamed the ‘Screamin’ Indians’; and

21 “Whereas in February 2013, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson and his squadron were deployed to
22 the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

23 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was killed on September 22, 2013, when his helicopter
24 crashed while trying to land aboard the USS *William P. Lawrence* in heavy seas; and

25 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was a proud naval aviator who earned numerous
26 achievement and commendation medals and awards during his exemplary career; and

27 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson completed a college degree while serving in the Navy;
28 and

29 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson hoped to become a flight instructor in the Navy and
30 to become an aeronautical engineer after his retirement from the Navy; and

31 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson enjoyed surfing, golfing, mountain biking, motorcycles
32 and playing with his children; and

33 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was known for his strong sense of duty and as a kind,
34 loving and generous man who was devoted to his family; and

35 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was survived by his wife, Christina Gibson, children,
36 Makaylin and Alexander Gibson, father and stepmother, Scott and Kelly Gibson, mother and
37 stepfather, Jo Ann and Mike Lake, and brother, Sergeant First Class James Gibson; now,
38 therefore.”.

39 In line 4, after “honor” insert “Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty and Chief Warrant Officer 3
40 Jonathan Shelby Gibson for their service to their country.”.

41 Delete line 5.