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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204**

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

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

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

8 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty remained close to his childhood friends in
9 Tucson, and his time in San Diego and Tucson made him a lifelong fan of
10 the San Diego Padres, San Diego Chargers and University of Arizona ath-
11 letics, especially the basketball team; and

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

15 “Whereas in 2004, Sergeant Fennerty graduated from Oregon State Uni-
16 versity, where he majored in history, was a supervisor in the intramural
17 sports program and was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity; and

18 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was a fan of Oregon State University ath-
19 letics, especially the football team, and he ended every electronic mail mes-
20 sage from Iraq with ‘Go Beavers!’; and

21 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty joined the United States Army in 2004 and,

1 although he was steered toward Officer Candidate School, he chose to be-
2 come an enlisted infantry soldier; and

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

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

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

10 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was known for his fierce loyalty and pride
11 in his country, his fellow soldiers, the schools he attended, his friends and
12 family, his Irish heritage and his Catholic faith; and

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

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

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

19 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty will be remembered for his hearty laugh,
20 huge bear hugs and fantastic grin; and

21 “Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was survived by his parents, Dr. M. Brian
22 and Maureen Fennerty, and siblings, Kelly, Colleen and Conor Fennerty; and

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

25 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson lived in many places due to his
26 father’s military career, including Alaska, Kentucky and Germany; and

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

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

1 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson visited Oregon many times
2 while growing up, staying on his grandparents’ farm in Aurora and, follow-
3 ing his high school graduation, he moved there to live with his father; and

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

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

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

13 “Whereas in 2011, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson returned to San Diego
14 as a pilot and was assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron SIX, nick-
15 named the ‘Screamin’ Indians’; and

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

19 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was killed on September 22,
20 2013, when his helicopter crashed while trying to land aboard the USS
21 *William P. Lawrence* in heavy seas; and

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

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

27 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson hoped to become a flight in-
28 structor in the Navy and to become an aeronautical engineer after his re-
29 tirement from the Navy; and

30 “Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson enjoyed surfing, golfing,

1 mountain biking, motorcycles and playing with his children; and

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

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

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

12 Delete line 5.

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