

HCR 28 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Sergeant First Class Scot R. Noss for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sergeant First Class Scot R. Noss was born in Lebanon on August 31, 1977. He attended Queen Anne Elementary School, Lebanon Middle School, and graduated from Lebanon Union High School in 1996. He was an exceptional football player: the Valley League Defensive Player of the Year, the year he graduated, and was honored as an all-star in the statewide Shrine Game. After high school, he traveled to China and Hong Kong doing outreach for Youth with a Mission. He then enlisted in the United States Army to follow his childhood dream of becoming an Army Ranger. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Virginia. Sergeant First Class Noss served with great distinction and valor during eight deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan as an Army Ranger. On February 17, 2007, he suffered a severe traumatic brain injury in a helicopter crash in the mountains of southern Afghanistan. He continues to be minimally conscious and retired from the Army after more than 11 years of service with an honorable medical discharge. His many decorations and commendations include the Bronze Star, Order of Saint Maurice, Meritorious Service Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge. Sergeant First Class Noss has been inducted into the Lebanon High School Hall of Fame and the library at Pioneer School in Lebanon has been named in his honor. He was an outstanding soldier and leader who was proud to serve his country as an Army Ranger. Sergeant First Class Noss's strength of will, courage, and selfless devotion to duty, often in the midst of harrowing combat conditions, exemplify the spirit and values of the United States Army Rangers.

House Concurrent Resolution 28 recognizes and honors Sergeant First Class Scot R. Noss for his service to his country and extends heartfelt best wishes to him and his family as he continues the fight to recover from his injuries.