

House Resolution 1067

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Oliver of the 83rd, Abrams of the 84th, Setzler of the 35th, Millar of the 79th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the memory of Thor David Hesla; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished citizen on Monday, January 14, 2007,
3 when Thor David Hesla was tragically killed in a militant attack in Kabul, Afghanistan,
4 where he was working under contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development
5 to help Afghanistan rebuild its government and infrastructure; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hesla was educated at Briarcliff High School and Emory University and
7 went on to become an accomplished and highly respected political communications and
8 event logistics manager; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he achieved great successes in many arenas, including the political, having
10 managed eight congressional campaigns and worked on two presidential campaigns; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he worked to make successes of many prominent events, including providing
12 logistics expertise for events such as the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, the 1990 Seattle
13 Goodwill Games, and the 1999 World Trade Organization Summit; and
- 14 WHEREAS, much of his work was for the end of making the world a better place, including
15 his service as an adviser to the Kosovo Economic Project and with other governments world
16 wide; and
- 17 WHEREAS, surviving family members include Mr. Hesla's father David, his sister Maren,
18 and his beloved niece and nephew Olivia and David; and
- 19 WHEREAS, this dynamic, productive, and high achieving Georgian will be sorely missed
20 by all who were privileged to know him.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body hereby honors the memory of Thor David Hesla and extends to his family the
3 sympathy of its members in their time of loss.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Hesla's family.