

Senate Resolution 1296

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Douglas of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Buckner of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Staff Sergeant Marty Brownlee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Marty Brownlee has earned a well-deserved reputation as a
6 strong leader and a man with an unwavering commitment to protecting the people and ideals
7 of the United States of America; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his military career in 1996, and was stationed as a guardian of this
9 nation's freedom and liberty in Iraq and Bosnia; and

10 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Brownlee left the military in 2000 and continued to protect the
11 people of Georgia as a police officer with the Monticello Police Department and later with
12 the McDonough Police Department, where he was promoted to detective and served as a
13 member of the Henry County Gang Task Force; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2006, Staff Sergeant Brownlee joined the Georgia National Guard, earning
15 the rank of staff sergeant and then platoon sergeant and serving in Germany and Afghanistan;
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17 WHEREAS, during his time in Afghanistan, Staff Sergeant Brownlee trained three districts
18 of Afghan National Police, provided security during the country's 2009 national elections,
19 and was assigned to train and live with Afghan Border Police in the Dand Patan District; and

20 WHEREAS, on February 11, 2010, a civilian dressed as an Afghan Border Police Officer
21 wearing suicide bombs entered the barracks where Staff Sergeant Brownlee was living and
22 detonated, injuring five personnel, including Staff Sergeant Brownlee; and

23 WHEREAS, since the bombing, Staff Sergeant Brownlee has undergone numerous surgeries
24 at Army facilities throughout the country and he is currently recovering at the Martin Army
25 Medical Center in Ft. Benning, Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, in honor of his courage and bravery, Staff Sergeant Brownlee received a Purple
27 Heart for his extraordinary service in Afghanistan; and

28 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Brownlee embodies the spirit of service, willing to find meaning
29 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
30 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized
31 appropriately.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Staff Sergeant Marty Brownlee on his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
34 public service to the citizens of his country and extend to him best wishes for a speedy and
35 healthy recovery.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Staff Sergeant Marty Brownlee.