

House Resolution 367

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Ralston of the 7th, Black of the 174th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Operation One Voice and commending Sergeant First Class Joe Kap; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Operation One Voice (OOV) is a nonprofit organization created to address the
4 immediate needs of families of fallen or seriously wounded special operation forces soldiers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, since 2001, OOV has donated \$430,000 to help over 1,760 families across the
7 nation and fills in the gaps that larger charities are unable to tend to; and

8 WHEREAS, OOV helps soldiers and their families obtain funding for areas that are often
9 overlooked by large charities, such as rehabilitation bikes, rental reimbursements, support
10 for holidays, emergency aid, and educational funding; and

11 WHEREAS, OOV works directly with the United States Special Operations Command Care
12 Coalition in Tampa, Florida, to identify special operation forces soldiers who qualify and
13 need help; and

14 WHEREAS, this amazing organization is comprised of volunteers who donate their time and
15 places of business to raise funds for these guardians of America's freedom and liberty, which
16 assures that 97 cents of every dollar collected goes directly to families in need; and

17 WHEREAS, one family who has been a recipient of OOV's aid is the family of Georgia's
18 Sergeant First Class Joe Kap of the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Kap lost his leg to a grenade during his fourth deployment
20 and, because his sense of duty and honor to his country runs so deep, re-qualified for
21 enlistment with a prosthetic leg; and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Kap became the first amputee Ranger to be returned to full
23 duty after passing the Army Physical Fitness Test, which included a five-mile run, a 12 mile
24 road march with a 40 pound pack, and fast-roping out of a helicopter; and

25 WHEREAS, this month, Sergeant First Class Kap returned for his seventh deployment in
26 Afghanistan, proudly carrying our country's flag into battle; and

27 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Kap and all active and former members of the United
28 States military embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
29 than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments
30 and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Operation One Voice for its commitment to supporting
33 the military heroes of this nation and express profound appreciation to Sergeant First Class
34 Joe Kap and all members of the military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice
35 upon the altar of freedom.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Operation One Voice and
38 Sergeant First Class Joe Kap.