

House Resolution 759

By: Representatives Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup> and Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of United State Army Ranger Sergeant Jonathan K. "Doc"  
2 Peney on the anniversary of his passing; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and this nation continue to mourn the loss of one of its  
7 finest citizens with the untimely passing of Sergeant Jonathan K. "Doc" Peney on June 1,  
8 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Peney was born on July 1, 1987, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the  
10 beloved only child of Sue Peney, and resided in Marietta, Georgia, until he enlisted in the  
11 United States Army in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, number one in his class for the Ranger Indoctrination Program, Sergeant Peney  
13 was one of the few men to have qualified as a United States Army Ranger by going straight  
14 through the 61 days of the intense leadership course; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Peney demonstrated great strength, leadership, and courage as a  
16 member of 2nd PLT, D Co. 1/75 RGR BN KIA 1 June 2010 Operation Enduring Freedom  
17 (OEF); and

18 WHEREAS, in between his deployments, Sergeant Peney was united in love and marriage  
19 to Kristin Felton by an Army Ranger Chaplain at the Forsyth Fountain in Savannah, Georgia  
20 on June 13, 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, he served as a Ranger combat medic, never hesitating to come to the aid of a  
22 fallen Ranger, and was mortally wounded by a sniper during his fourth deployment while  
23 attempting to render aid to a member of his platoon while under fire; and

24 WHEREAS, with selfless disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Peney paid the  
25 ultimate sacrifice to protect the life of a fellow Ranger; and

26 WHEREAS, his heroism has been recognized with numerous medals, including a Silver Star,  
27 a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, a Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal,  
28 the Army Achievement Medal, the 2010 United States Army Special Operations Command  
29 Medic of the Year, and the Special Operations Medical Association Medic of the Year; and

30 WHEREAS, Sergeant Peney's decorations also include an Army Good Conduct Medal, a  
31 National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a combat star, a  
32 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

33 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this American hero has left an unfillable void in the  
34 hearts and lives of his mother, wife, family, and friends; and

35 WHEREAS, Sergeant Peney embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
36 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable  
37 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Jonathan K.  
40 "Doc" Peney and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sergeant  
43 Jonathan K. "Doc" Peney.