

Senate Resolution 743

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chaplain Major Jeff Struecker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Chaplain Major Jeff Struecker served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
3 liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, he faced his greatest fears in the city streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, where he
6 was forced to rely on his skill and bullet proof faith to bring him through some of the most
7 intense combat since the Vietnam War; and

8 WHEREAS, a man of courage and conviction, he uses his personal story of survival on the
9 battlefield to teach his listeners how they can be prepared for any circumstances that life has
10 to offer; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a national published author of five books including his autobiography *The*
12 *Road to Unafraid*, his experience in Somalia *Bullet Proof Faith*, and three exciting novels
13 *Certain Jeopardy*, *Blaze of Glory*, and *Fallen Angel* and was prominently featured in the
14 national best-seller *Black Hawk Down*, which was later made into a major motion picture;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, he has since retired, with decades of military service that demonstrated a deep
17 personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own
18 personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is an active member and currently serving
20 on the staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Chaplain Major Struecker is an honorable American soldier receiving numerous
22 awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge,

23 Southeast Asia Service Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal,
24 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

25 WHEREAS, Chaplain Major Jeff Struecker embodies the spirit of service, willing to find
26 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
27 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American
28 be honored appropriately.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 express their most profound appreciation for Chaplain Major Jeff Struecker and all members
31 of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar
32 of freedom.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chaplain Major Jeff Struecker.