

House Resolution 1443

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Lane of the 167th, Willard of the 49th, Meadows of the 5th, Hill of the 21st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Corporal John R. Stalvey and inviting William Stalvey,
2 Crystal Merillat, Matthew Stalvey, and Cristen Stalvey to be recognized by the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Corporal John R. Stalvey was a citizen of Brunswick, Georgia, attended school
5 in Glynn County, and was an honor graduate from Faith Christian Academy in Ludowski,
6 Georgia, where he was awarded "Mr. Hustle" in sports; and

7 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attended the Marine Corps
8 Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina, from March 11, 2002, to June 6, 2002, where
9 he received the meritorious promotion to private first class, then attended the School of
10 Infantry at Camp Geiger in North Carolina in June of 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, after his deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from November of 2002 to
12 June of 2003, he was deployed to Djibouti, Africa, from August of 2003 to February of 2004,
13 where he trained with the French Foreign Legion; and

14 WHEREAS, he was deployed to Afghanistan from May of 2004 to October of 2004, in
15 support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during which time he was promoted to the rank of
16 corporal on July 1, 2004, and served as a fire teams leader and company improvised
17 explosive device trainer; and

18 WHEREAS, while serving in Afghanistan, a remote controlled improvised explosive device
19 exploded under the front of his mobile troop vehicle during an operation in the Wazir valley,
20 and he immediately sped through the explosion to move the 15 Marines in his vehicle out of
21 a potential ambush kill zone and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement
22 Medal for his bravery; and

23 WHEREAS, Corporal Stalvey returned to the United States, graduating from Scout Sniper
24 School on July 29, 2005, and was deployed to Iraq in August of 2005; and

25 WHEREAS, as a member of Scout Sniper Platoon assigned to 3rd battalion, 6 Marine
26 Regiment, II MEF, he was mortally wounded when his humvee was struck by an improvised
27 explosive device during Operation Iron Fist; and

28 WHEREAS, his professionalism, bravery, and loyal dedication to duty reflect great credit
29 upon himself and his family, in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States
30 Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service, and it is abundantly fitting and proper
31 that the heroism of this distinguished Georgian be recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Corporal John R. Stalvey, express
34 their most profound appreciation for him and all members of the United States military who
35 stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom, and invite William
36 Stalvey, Crystal Merillat, Matthew Stalvey, and Cristen Stalvey to be recognized by the
37 House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Corporal John
41 R. Stalvey.