

House Resolution 8EX

By: Representative Coomer of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Staff Sergeant Phillips B. Casey and inviting him to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; 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, Staff Sergeant Phillips B. Casey diligently and conscientiously served his
7 country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army in Kandahar,
8 Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2011, this extraordinary warrior, after being severely injured by
10 taking the brunt of the blast from a hidden explosive device, was nonetheless able to continue
11 to maneuver his squad members to safety, direct the positioning of local security and give
12 them fields of fire, and continue to direct his squad, all while he assisted the platoon medic
13 in administering his own emergency combat medical care; and

14 WHEREAS, the fortitude, bravery, and courage under fire exhibited by this soldier's soldier
15 simply defies description and was recognized through the awarding of the Army
16 Commendation Medal with Valor and the Purple Heart Medal and Certificate; and

17 WHEREAS, his selflessness stands in keeping with the finest traditions of military heroism
18 and as a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly
19 fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished
20 American be recognized appropriately.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
22 members of this body commend Staff Sergeant Phillips B. Casey for his efficient, effective,
23 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and extend to

24 him our most profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United States military
25 who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Staff Sergeant Phillips B. Casey is invited to be
27 recognized by the House of Representatives on a date and at a time designated by the
28 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Staff Sergeant Phillips B.
31 Casey.