

House Resolution 20EX

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant Colonel David Simons 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, Lieutenant Colonel David Simons is the Public Affairs Officer assigned to the  
7 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, and recently completed a six-month tour  
8 serving as the Director of Public Affairs for the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, a  
9 major three-star command headquartered at Camp Eggers in Kabul, Afghanistan; and

10 WHEREAS, his role was to respond to media inquiries on many topics, but the topic that  
11 dominated his time was Afghan Army and Police troops killing American and Coalition  
12 forces, and he was heavily involved in the messaging response during the assassination of  
13 eight U. S. Air Force trainers and a U. S. contractor at an Afghan Air Force training base; and

14 WHEREAS, he led a staff of over 20 personnel in a joint directorate including those from  
15 different military services and various countries, including Afghans, and started the "Afghan  
16 Fund" that raised nearly \$10,000 to aid Afghan orphans; and

17 WHEREAS, the fortitude, bravery, and courage exhibited by this officer was recognized  
18 through the awarding of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the  
24 members of this body commend Lieutenant Colonel David Simons for his efficient, effective,  
25 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and extend to  
26 him our most profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United States military  
27 who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that Lieutenant  
29 Colonel David Simons is invited to be recognized by the House of Representatives on a date  
30 and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel David  
33 Simons.