

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and celebrate the life of the late
Specialist Fourth Class Floyd Watsel "Jason"
Lamb, Jr., U.S. Army.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to honor the life and accomplishments of a courageous member of the United States Armed Forces who gave his life while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Fourth Class Floyd Watsel "Jason" Lamb, Jr., United States Army, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on May 4, 1970, while serving in combat in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Jason Lamb was born in Greeneville, Tennessee, but grew up in the South Central community in Chuckey in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Jason attended Lamar High School, where he was a member of the Beta Club and graduated as the salutatorian of his class; and

WHEREAS, after completing basic and advanced training, Jason Lamb was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry Division, "The Americal Division," as a Light Weapons Infantryman; his tour of duty in Vietnam began on December 10, 1969; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Lamb was killed in action while participating in a search and clear operation in the Nui Yon Thon Mountains, approximately eight miles southwest of Tam Ky City, Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, on May 4, 1970, after he received a fatal fragmentation wound when a concealed enemy explosive device was detonated; and

WHEREAS, for his heroic actions, he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, the Army Commendation, National Defense, Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Campaign medals; and

WHEREAS, a mere twenty years of age at the time of his death, Jason Lamb rests in the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery in Chuckey, and he is commemorated on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Panel 11W, Line 096; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, Jason Lamb was the son of Floyd Watsel Lamb, Sr., a United States Army World War II veteran, and Bonnie Bell Waddle; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Lamb's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action, at the cost of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, his unit, and the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Lamb's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in serving all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and celebrate the life of Specialist Fourth Class Floyd Watsel "Jason" Lamb, Jr., a young man who served his country with purpose and conviction in the U.S. Army and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of democracy worldwide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.