SENATE RESOLUTION 1991-8625

By Senators Rasmussen, Gaspard, Madsen, Wojahn, von Reichbauer, Johnson, Oke, Skratek and Thorsness

WHEREAS, Army Sergeant David Quentin Douthit, made the supreme sacrifice in the name of Freedom for his nation, his family and all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 1991, the last day of the hostilities during the war in the Persian Gulf, David's life came to an end while engaged in the ground war with Iraq while fighting for the liberation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, David was a crew chief in the 9th Infantry Division of the United States Army and served on a Bradley Infantry Fighting vehicle, a heavy armored personnel carrier; and

WHEREAS, His extraordinary skill as a gunner made him an extremely valuable soldier; and

WHEREAS, David was completing his second tour of duty in the Army, but did not consider himself a career military man, he wanted to spend more time with his wife and his future son or daughter; and

WHEREAS, David lived a short full life that ended at age twenty-four and was good at everything he attempted to do; and

WHEREAS, David loved to fish, work on cars, ski and captured the 1982 Alaska moto-cross championship; and

WHEREAS, Before he left, he wanted to guarantee our freedom and make sure his baby would grow up in a free land; and

WHEREAS, One of the last things he said to his wife in their last conversation was "I love my Country"; and

WHEREAS, He leaves behind a beloved wife Jessica, who is expecting their first child soon, a father Harvey and a mother Nita, several brothers and sisters and friends that he loved very much;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honors David Quentin Douthit as an American hero and a patriot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate prays that David Quentin Douthit's family will find some solace in his heroism and his sacrifice in the service of his country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the family of David Quentin Douthit, to the commanders of the 9th Infantry Division of the United States Army and to the President of the United States, The Honorable George Bush.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8625, adopted by the Senate March 6, 1991.