

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92-4747, by Representatives Cantwell, Paris and Basich

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the outstanding achievements and sacrifices of the citizens of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Jackson, a Bothell resident and member of the Marine Corps Reserve, served this state and the entire United States of America with distinction and honor in Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jackson suffered a life-threatening head injury while deployed in Saudi Arabia in the 6th Truck Battalion with Marine Corps forces; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jackson willingly left his wife, Emilse, 4-year-old son, Kevin Jr., and 3-month-old daughter, Maria, to fulfill his duty in the Marine Corps Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jackson also willingly left his job with General Motors as a district services manager for Cadillac; and

WHEREAS, In his 14 years service to the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve, Staff Sergeant Jackson received numerous honors and decorations, including the Navy Commendation Medal, Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with a bronze star, Overseas Deployment Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jackson was extremely debilitated by his injury, but rose above the injury to resume nearly all of his normal activities; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jackson is so valued as an employee of General Motors that the company has offered him, upon completion of his rehabilitation program, a job as an instructor with the Service Technology Group at Seattle Community College;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognizes Staff Sergeant Jackson's commitment to duty and selfless sacrifice for the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Staff Sergeant Jackson for his determination, dedication, and sheer willpower to recover from his terrible injury; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge General Motors for its commitment to a valuable employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Staff Sergeant Jackson and his family, his employer at General Motors, his former battalion commander, and the detachment commander of the Marine Corps League.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4747 adopted by the House of Representatives

March 3, 1992.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk