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# H. CON. RES. 281

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2001

Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by Johnny Micheal Spann, the first American killed in combat during the war against terrorism in Afghanistan, and pledging continued support for members of the Armed Forces.

Whereas as part of the war against terrorism, United States military personnel and agents from the Central Intelligence Agency were involved in combat with Taliban forces during a prison uprising in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, on Sunday, November 25, 2001;

Whereas Johnny Micheal Spann, age 32, an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency, was inside the prison

fortress interviewing Taliban prisoners when the uprising began;

Whereas Spann was killed in this rebellion and is the first American known to be killed in combat in Afghanistan during this war;

Whereas Spann is the 79th employee of the Central Intelligence Agency killed in the line of duty;

Whereas the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, George J. Tenet, hailed Spann as an American hero and will soon memorialize him on a wall of honor;

Whereas Spann, a former Captain in the Marine Corps, is survived by his wife, Shannon, and 3 young children; and

Whereas the thoughts and prayers of the Congress and the Nation remain with the families of Spann and all the soldiers fighting to ensure the Nation's freedom and safety: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3           (1) honors Johnny Micheal Spann, a para-  
4       military officer in the Central Intelligence Agency,  
5       who was the first American killed in combat during  
6       the war against terrorism in Afghanistan, and recog-  
7       nizes him for his bravery and sacrifice;

8           (2) extends its deepest sympathies to the family  
9       of this brave hero; and

1           (3) pledges its continued support for the men  
2           and women who risk their lives every day to ensure  
3           the safety of all United States citizens.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,  
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*