

## House Resolution 51 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

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1 A Resolution honoring the service, courage, and  
2 sacrifice of United States Army Staff Sergeant  
3 Salvatore Augustine Giunta.

4 WHEREAS, Salvatore Augustine Giunta is a life-long  
5 Iowan, born in Clinton and raised in Cedar Rapids and  
6 Hiawatha; and

7 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Giunta enlisted in the  
8 United States Army in 2003 and has served two tours of  
9 duty in Afghanistan; and

10 WHEREAS, on October 25, 2007, Staff Sergeant Giunta  
11 was in the desolate Korengal Valley in Afghanistan as  
12 part of a patrol with other soldiers of Company B, 2nd  
13 Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne  
14 Brigade, United States Army; and

15 WHEREAS, when ambushed by heavily armed Taliban  
16 insurgents, Staff Sergeant Giunta acted only for the  
17 protection of his wounded comrades, engaging the enemy,  
18 pulling the wounded from the line of fire, and rescuing  
19 a wounded soldier from certain capture; and

20 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest award  
21 for valor in action against an enemy force which can  
22 be bestowed upon a soldier serving in the armed forces  
23 of the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, for his selfless and courageous actions  
25 Staff Sergeant Giunta was awarded the Medal of Honor by  
26 President Barack Obama on November 16, 2010; and

27 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Giunta is the first living  
28 Medal of Honor recipient since Vietnam; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
2 the House of Representatives, on behalf of all Iowans,  
3 honors our state's native son Salvatore Augustine  
4 Giunta, a soldier both courageous and humble, whose  
5 actions bring honor to himself and all the soldiers of  
6 the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and expresses its gratitude  
7 for his service to his comrades and his country.