

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6043

A RESOLUTION recognizing Norman Holle for his work in helping veterans with PTSD.

WHEREAS, Norman Holle has assisted numerous veterans in receiving the aid they need for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD; and

WHEREAS, Many cases of PTSD remain unreported, undiagnosed and untreated due to a lack of awareness about PTSD and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions. PTSD significantly increases the risk of anxiety, depression, suicide, homelessness and drug- and alcohol-related disorders and deaths, especially when left untreated. Veterans deployed multiple times to combat zones often suffer the severest PTSD symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Numerous veterans suffering from PTSD have had their disability claims fail due to improper preparation or documentation. For the last 15 years, Norman Holle has conducted a weekly class to teach veterans who suffer from trauma ways to navigate the Veterans Administration's application process for the successful filing of PTSD disability claims. To date, Norman has helped 838 veterans suffering from severe PTSD receive 100% disability compensation and countless others receive some disability compensation and care through the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, Norman Holle is a Vietnam veteran who served the United States Army in multiple roles, including Crew Chief, Loadmaster, First Aid Attendant, Door Gunner and Maintenance Crew Member. During his military career, Norman spent over 1,200 hours in the air in U-1A Otters. Norman was awarded numerous medals for his service, including an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Norman has been married to his wife, Carolyn, for 32 years: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Norman Holle for his work in helping veterans with PTSD.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*