

Bill would honor fallen EDC marine

A bill honoring an El Dorado County resident who died in 2012 fighting in Afghanistan passed the House and now moves to the Senate.

HR 979, a bill to honor Marine Staff Sgt. Sky Mote of El Dorado was introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Granite Bay. It designates a mountain peak in the John Muir Wilderness, under which the Mote family gathered to camp every year, a Sky Point. Every member of the California congressional delegation is a co-sponsor of the bill.

Mote was awarded the Navy Cross, Purple Heart, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons and three Good Conduct Medals.

His nine-year service included a deployment to Iraq and two deployments to Afghanistan.