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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of U.S. Army Specialist Joey
2 Martens Lenz on February 1, 2022, at the age of 32, brought an
3 incalculable loss to his family, his friends, and his community;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Baytown on November 16, 1989, Joey Lenz was
6 the son of Margie Martens Taylor and Ted Lenz; he grew up with the
7 companionship of two older brothers, Timothy and Cody, and a
8 stepsister, Jamie, and he attended schools in Willis, where he made
9 many lifelong friends among his classmates; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating from Willis High School in 2008,
11 Mr. Lenz worked on Lake Conroe as an employee of TowBoatUS for a
12 number of years, during which time his duties included performing
13 repairs and rescuing stranded boaters; he held several other jobs
14 around the county before he answered his nation's call to duty and
15 enlisted in the United States Army on September 18, 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lenz went on to complete basic combat training
17 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training
18 as a generator mechanic at Fort Lee, Virginia; he was stationed in
19 the Republic of Korea as a tactical power generator specialist from
20 October 2019 to February 2020, and the many accolades he received
21 included the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service
22 Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon; and

23 WHEREAS, Following the tragic passing of Specialist Joey
24 Lenz, a congressional bill known as the Specialist Joey Lenz Act of

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1 2024 and reintroduced as the Specialist Joey Lenz Act of 2025 has
2 been proposed, which would require more comprehensive health
3 evaluations to better identify preexisting medical conditions in
4 service members; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Joey Lenz was an exemplary soldier, a
6 loving son, and a young man whose kind and caring nature enriched
7 the lives of everyone around him, and he will forever hold a
8 treasured place in the hearts of those he left behind; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army
12 Specialist Joey Martens Lenz and extend profound sympathy to his
13 family and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist
17 Joey Lenz.