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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of  
2 great peril, men and women of the United States military have  
3 marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

4           WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Jonathan David Rozier embarked  
5 from Fort Riley in support of our nation's campaign to liberate  
6 Iraqi citizens from oppression; commanding the 2nd Platoon, Bravo  
7 Company, 2-70 Armor, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division,  
8 he was killed in action on July 19, 2003, when his unit came under  
9 enemy attack while guarding a municipal building in Baghdad; and

10           WHEREAS, The beloved husband of Jessica Desiree Rozier and  
11 devoted father to their son, Justin, this courageous soldier was  
12 born in Dallas on July 16, 1978; after being home-schooled through  
13 high school, he attended Texas A&M University, where he joined the  
14 prestigious Corps of Cadets, and graduated in 2001 with a  
15 bachelor's degree in economics; and

16           WHEREAS, Commissioned a second lieutenant in the United  
17 States Army on December 15, 2001, and promoted to first lieutenant  
18 on June 15, 2003, Lieutenant Rozier earned the Bronze Star for Valor  
19 in the Battle of Al Hillah, one of only 15 soldiers to receive that  
20 honor during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he will receive the  
21 Purple Heart posthumously; and

22           WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to  
23 fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,  
24 were demonstrated by this valorous American, who gave his life to

1 preserve liberty; the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the  
2 loss of Jonathan Rozier: a soldier for a brief period, a hero  
3 forever; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
6 life of First Lieutenant Jonathan Rozier and extend deepest  
7 sympathies to the members of his family: to his wife, Jessica; to  
8 his son, Justin; to his parents, David and Barbara Rozier; to his  
9 sister, Elizabeth Rozier; to his brothers, Benjamin and Joshua  
10 Rozier; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
11 further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day it do so in memory of First  
15 Lieutenant Jonathan David Rozier.