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H.R. No. 142

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Sergeant Steven Wayne
2 White suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this beloved
3 man in Iraq on August 13, 2003, at the age of 29; and

4 WHEREAS, Making his career in the United States Army,
5 Sergeant White had served in Iraq for approximately four months; he
6 was mortally injured when his M113 armored personnel carrier, part
7 of a four-vehicle convoy, hit an antitank mine near Tikrit; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas, Steven White grew up in Fruitvale
9 and attended Fruitvale High School, where he worked on the yearbook
10 and belonged to the FFA, the History Club, the Spanish Club, the
11 Beta Club, and De-Fy-It (Drug Free Youth in Texas); he was an able,
12 responsible student and was highly regarded by his classmates, who
13 elected him prom king during his senior year; and

14 WHEREAS, This courageous soldier fulfilled a longtime
15 ambition when he enlisted in the U.S. Army immediately following
16 his graduation from high school in 1992; based at Fort Hood before
17 being posted to the Middle East, he served as a mechanic with
18 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field
19 Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division; and

20 WHEREAS, During his decade in the service, Sergeant White was
21 awarded two National Defense Service Medals, two Army Achievement
22 Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, and a Good Conduct Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, When on leave, he liked to return home to visit
24 family and friends, including former teachers; a man who enjoyed

1 simple pleasures, he was also a caring individual who was always
2 ready to lend a helping hand to others; and

3 WHEREAS, Steven White was married to Laniece DePree White,
4 his high school sweetheart, with whom he had three sons and one
5 daughter; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to the nation's
7 military personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this
8 country's history and whose efforts and sacrifice in their nation's
9 behalf are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest gratitude;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
12 his country, Sergeant White embodied the highest ideals of the
13 armed service, and the blessing of his life will be forever
14 cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and
15 friendship; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
18 life of Sergeant Steven Wayne White and extend sincere sympathy to
19 the members of his family: to his wife, Laniece DePree White; to
20 his four children; to his father, Charles White; to his brother,
21 Junior White; to his sisters, Cheryle Thompson and Sandra
22 McCormick; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
27 Steven Wayne White.