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H.R. No. 244

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist Larry
2 E. Polley, Jr., of Center suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this courageous young soldier in Iraq on January 17, 2004,
4 at the age of 20; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery
6 Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Specialist Polley was
7 killed when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an explosive device
8 and overturned north of Taji; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on February 28, 1983, in Shelby County, Larry
10 Polley, Jr., attended Center High School where he played trumpet
11 with the school band; a faithful member of St. Paul Missionary
12 Baptist Church, Specialist Polley served as an usher and sang in the
13 youth choir; he enlisted in the army shortly after graduating with
14 the Center High School Class of 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, Described by friends and relatives as outgoing,
16 active, and possessing a sparkling sense of humor and a winning
17 smile, Specialist Polley was an avid enthusiast of fishing, video
18 games, and computers; during a two-week leave at Christmas, this
19 dedicated young soldier confided in family members that he planned
20 to one day retire from the army; and

21 WHEREAS, Our state and our nation are fortunate to have young
22 men and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
23 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a
24 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Polley will be

1 sorely missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, but his
2 bravery and heroism will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
5 Specialist Larry E. Polley, Jr., United States Army, and extend
6 profound sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Sebrena
7 Polley; to his sons, Christian, Sedarion, and Jordan; to his
8 parents, Larry Polley, Sr., and Lois Marie Harper; to his sister,
9 Kinta Polley; to his brother, Robert Harper; to his grandmother,
10 Ella Mae Polley; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
11 be it 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 U.S. Army
15 Specialist Larry E. Polley, Jr.