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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans, and indeed all Americans, are deeply  
2 indebted to this country's military personnel, who through the  
3 years have brought to their endeavors an exceptional degree of  
4 courage, idealism, and professionalism, and we recognize that these  
5 admirable men and women too often face the ultimate sacrifice in the  
6 course of carrying out their arduous missions; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has  
8 reported, as of May 8, 2004, the names of 85 men and women from Texas  
9 who have died in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi  
10 Freedom; these individuals are being mourned by families, friends,  
11 and communities across the State of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Those lost in Operation Enduring Freedom are  
13 Sergeant First Class Nathan Chapman; Staff Sergeant Brian Craig;  
14 Specialist Rodrigo Gonzalez-Garza; Sergeant First Class John  
15 Taylor; Technical Sergeant John Chapman; Airman First Class Raymond  
16 Losano; and Staff Sergeant John Teal; and

17 WHEREAS, Texans lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom are Corporal  
18 Daniel Amaya; Specialist Edward Anguiano; Chief Warrant Officer  
19 Andrew Todd Arnold; Specialist Richard Arriaga; Specialist Robert  
20 Arsiaga; Lance Corporal Aaron Austin; Private First Class Chad  
21 Bales; Sergeant Michael Paul Barrera; Chief Warrant Officer Michael  
22 Blaise; Captain Ernesto Blanco; Chief Warrant Officer Clarence  
23 Boone; Specialist Phillip Brown; Specialist Adolf Carballo; Lance  
24 Corporal James Casper; Staff Sergeant Roland Castro; Staff Sergeant

1 Gary Collins; Specialist Zeferino Colunga; Private Rey Cuervo;  
2 Captain Eric Das; Private First Class Ervin Dervishi; Staff  
3 Sergeant Joe Dunigan; Sergeant William Eckhart; Private Ruben  
4 Estrella-Soto; Master Sergeant George Fernandez; Chief Warrant  
5 Officer Wesley Fortenberry; Private Robert Frantz; Specialist  
6 Israel Garza; First Sergeant Joe Garza; Lance Corporal Shane  
7 Goldman; Corporal Jeffrey Green; Private First Class Analaura  
8 Esparza Gutierrez; Private First Class Clayton Henson; Master  
9 Sergeant Kelly Hornbeck; First Lieutenant Doyle Hufstedler;  
10 Private First Class Ray Hutchinson; Chief Warrant Officer Scott  
11 Jamar; Specialist John Johnson; Staff Sergeant Phillip Jordan;  
12 Specialist Michael Karr, Jr.; Corporal Brian Matthew Kennedy;  
13 Specialist James Kiehl; Specialist Scott Larson; Private First  
14 Class Jason Ludlam; Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Mata; Corporal  
15 Matthew Matula; Corporal Jesus Martin Antonio Medellin; Sergeant  
16 Daniel Methvin; Private First Class Anthony Miller; Private First  
17 Class Stuart Moore; Sergeant Gerardo Moreno; Private First Class  
18 Ricky Morris, Jr.; Sergeant Keelan Moss; Specialist Joseph  
19 Norquist; Captain Eric Paliwoda; Private First Class James Parker;  
20 Staff Sergeant Hector Perez; Specialist Jose Amancio Perez III;  
21 Specialist Larry Polley, Jr.; Sergeant Christopher Ramirez;  
22 Sergeant Ariel Rico; Second Lieutenant Jonathan Rozier; Specialist  
23 Isela Rubalcava; Sergeant John Russell; Private First Class Leroy  
24 Sandoval, Jr.; Specialist Christian Schulz; Private First Class  
25 Dustin Sekula; Private First Class Armando Soriano; Corporal Tomas  
26 Sotelo, Jr.; Specialist Joseph Suell; Lance Corporal Elias Torrez  
27 III; Lance Corporal Ruben Valdez, Jr.; Sergeant Melissa Valles;

1 Lance Corporal Michael Wafford; Lieutenant Nathan D. White;  
2 Specialist James Wright; Private First Class Jason Wright; Private  
3 First Class Stephen Wyatt; and Sergeant Henry Ybarra III; and

4 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
5 women whose love of country leads them to military service, yet the  
6 deaths of these brave Texans are a sobering reminder that war is not  
7 without great and terrible cost; it is fitting that we acknowledge  
8 the immeasurable sacrifice rendered by these, our fellow citizens,  
9 and that we honor, preserve, and perpetuate their memory; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
13 Texans who have given their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and  
14 Operation Iraqi Freedom and that deepest sympathy be extended to  
15 those who will forever carry them in their hearts.