RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Private First
- 2 Class Stephen Eugene Wyatt of Kilgore suffered a terrible loss with
- 3 the death of this brave young soldier in Iraq on October 13, 2003,
- 4 at the age of 19; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Assigned to C Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field
- 6 Artillery Regiment, Private Wyatt was killed in northern Iraq while
- 7 patrolling a supply route with his unit when the Humvee he was
- 8 riding as a gunner struck a land mine; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Born on June 14, 1984, Stephen Wyatt was a model
- 10 student at Kilgore High School, where he graduated in 2001; an avid
- 11 hunter and fisherman, Private Wyatt was so enthusiastic about the
- 12 outdoors that one of his life goals was to become involved in Texas
- 13 wildlife protection; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Serving in the military was another lifelong dream
- of Private Wyatt's, and he enlisted in the U.S. Army on his 18th
- 16 birthday; in August of 2002, he reported for basic and advanced
- 17 training at his permanent duty station, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where
- 18 he met his wife, Kelly, who was stationed there as well; in March
- 19 2003, Private Wyatt was deployed to Iraq; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Through his selfless and unfaltering devotion to
- 21 duty, honor, and his country, this courageous young Texan embodied
- the highest ideals of the armed services, and we owe a profound debt
- 23 for the enormous sacrifice that he and his family have paid;
- 24 although he will be sorely missed by his loved ones, his bravery

- and his heroism will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 3 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
- 4 Private First Class Stephen Eugene Wyatt, United States Army, and
- 5 extend profound sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
- 6 Kelly Wyatt; to his father and stepmother, Charles and Lilmah
- 7 Wyatt; to his sister, Jessica Wyatt; to his brother, Eric Wyatt; to
- 8 his stepbrother, Billy Dixon; to his grandmothers, Mary Wyatt and
- 9 Ruth Reynolds; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
- 10 it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
- 14 Private First Class Stephen Eugene Wyatt.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 253 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House