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R E S O L U T I O N

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
15 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
22 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

1 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.