

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the
3 citizens of Rocksprings in mourning the loss of United States Army
4 Sergeant William Cody Eckhart, who died April 10, 2004, at the age
5 of 25 while serving his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, William Cody Eckhart was born September 21, 1978, in
7 Hondo; he grew up in Rocksprings and graduated from Rocksprings
8 High School in 1997; he was active in Boy Scouts, 4-H, Future
9 Farmers of America, and athletics; he was a member of the 1997 boys
10 Class 1A state cross country championship team; and

11 WHEREAS, Cody enlisted in the army as a cavalry scout and
12 received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; he was
13 transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado, and participated in a
14 rotation to Egypt in Operation Bright Star; he was later sent on
15 peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo; and

16 WHEREAS, In February of 2004, he was deployed to Iraq and was
17 providing reconnaissance for F Troop, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry
18 Division, when he died in action on behalf of his country's mission;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Eckhart was a first-class soldier who was
21 noted for his expertise and whose accomplishments were many; he
22 earned the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal,
23 National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War
24 on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO Medal; he is being

1 posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the
2 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Cody Eckhart was a brave and
4 courageous soldier who risked his life so that others could be free;
5 he was a devoted son and brother and a true American hero, and he
6 leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by those
7 whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
9 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of William Cody
10 Eckhart and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his
11 parents, Ronnie and Terri Eckhart; his sisters, Staci and Erin
12 Eckhart; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Eckhart; his maternal
13 grandparents, William and Roselyn White; and his many aunts,
14 uncles, and cousins; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
16 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
17 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
18 so in memory of William Cody Eckhart.