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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of
2 great peril, men and women of the United States military have
3 marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Sergeant James Riley embarked from Fort
5 Bliss in support of our nation's campaign to liberate Iraqi
6 citizens from repression; working with the 507th Maintenance
7 Company, he was taken captive after his convoy was ambushed in Iraq;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Riley was born in New Zealand and spent his
10 adolescence in Pennsauken, New Jersey, where he graduated from high
11 school; a self-taught musician with a passion for science fiction,
12 he has served with distinction in the U.S. Army for 13 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to
14 fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,
15 have been demonstrated by Sergeant Riley on a desolate and foreign
16 battlefield; this valorous American is now held captive by enemies
17 of all nations who cherish individual freedom, unbiased judgment,
18 and human dignity; and

19 WHEREAS, It is the fervent hope of all Texans that the day of
20 liberation comes swiftly for this brave soldier and that he finds
21 comfort, during the darkness of his captivity, in knowing that
22 citizens throughout this state and nation hold him in their
23 thoughts and prayers; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby pay tribute to U.S. Army Sergeant James Riley for his
2 courageous actions and extend to the members of his family
3 heartfelt best wishes for his safe and expeditious return.