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H.R. No. 922

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of Sergeant Donald R. Walters, of Kansas City, Missouri,
3 who died in the Iraqi campaign on March 23, 2003, at the age of 33;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Walters was one of nine soldiers from the
6 army's 507th Maintenance Company who lost their lives in an ambush
7 in southern Iraq; for his valiant service in Operation Iraqi
8 Freedom, Sergeant Walters was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star
9 and a Purple Heart; and

10 WHEREAS, This courageous soldier saw combat in the first
11 Persian Gulf War and later served in the army reserves; he
12 reenlisted in the summer of 2002, motivated by a desire to serve his
13 country and to provide a better life for his wife and three
14 daughters; before his deployment overseas on February 17, 2003, he
15 was stationed at Fort Bliss, near El Paso; and

16 WHEREAS, A member of an air force family as a child, Sergeant
17 Walters grew up in Salem, Oregon, and Colorado Springs, Colorado;
18 during the interval following his first period of active military
19 service, he worked as a corrections officer and also at the Kansas
20 City airport; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Sergeant Walters was
22 widely regarded with fond affection for his cheerful and
23 open-hearted nature; in addition to pursuing an army career, he
24 also aspired to write children's books; and

1 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military
2 personnel, whose brave and steadfast efforts have long secured this
3 nation's treasured freedom; through his unfaltering dedication to
4 duty, honor, and his country, Sergeant Donald Walters embodied the
5 highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and the State of
6 Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of a hero who made the
7 ultimate sacrifice in his country's behalf, and whose life was a
8 blessing to all who were privileged to share his love and
9 friendship; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Sergeant
12 Donald R. Walters and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
13 family: to his wife, Stacie Walters; to his daughters, Monica,
14 Danielle, and Amber Rose Walters; and to the other relatives and
15 many friends of this beloved American soldier; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
19 Donald R. Walters.