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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the loss of Specialist Jamaal R. Addison of Roswell, Georgia, who  
3 died in the Iraqi campaign on March 23, 2003, at the age of 22; and

4           WHEREAS, Specialist Addison, a microwave systems operator  
5 maintainer, was one of nine soldiers from the army's 507th  
6 Maintenance Company who lost their lives in an ambush in southern  
7 Iraq; and

8           WHEREAS, This courageous soldier graduated in 1998 from  
9 Lakeside High School, where he excelled at his studies and was a  
10 member of the ROTC; after a semester at DeKalb Technical College and  
11 several jobs, he joined the United States Army and completed his  
12 basic training at Fort Benning; he received training in  
13 communications and spent a year in Korea before being posted to Fort  
14 Bliss, from which he was deployed to the Persian Gulf in February  
15 2003; and

16           WHEREAS, Noted for his seriousness of purpose and ability to  
17 get things done, Specialist Addison planned to start his own  
18 business after his discharge from the military; his ability to set  
19 goals, together with his compassionate and caring nature, also  
20 marked him out as a likely community leader; and

21           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military  
22 personnel, whose brave and unfaltering efforts have long secured  
23 this nation's treasured freedom; through his unwavering devotion to  
24 duty, honor, and his country, Specialist Addison embodied the

1 highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and the State of  
2 Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of a hero who made the  
3 ultimate sacrifice in his country's behalf, and whose life was a  
4 blessing to all who were privileged to share his love and  
5 friendship; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Specialist  
8 Jamaal R. Addison and that it extend deep sympathy to the members of  
9 his family: to his wife, Tek'la Addison; to his son, Jamaal, and  
10 his daughter, Christian; to his mother, Patricia Webb; to his  
11 father, Kevin Addison; to his sisters, Celisse and Chanel Addison;  
12 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
15 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
16 Specialist Jamaal R. Addison.