

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Lori Ann Piestewa of Tuba City,  
3 Arizona, who died in the Iraqi campaign on March 23, 2003, at the  
4 age of 23; and

5           WHEREAS, Specialist Piestewa, who was trained in automated  
6 logistics, was one of nine soldiers from the army's 507th  
7 Maintenance Company who lost their lives in an ambush in southern  
8 Iraq; she was the first American servicewoman to be killed in that  
9 conflict and the first Hopi woman and first Native American woman to  
10 die in combat while serving in the United States armed forces; and

11           WHEREAS, This courageous soldier was descended from the Bear  
12 clan, traditional leaders of the Hopi people; she herself showed an  
13 aptitude for leadership at a young age, serving as commanding  
14 officer of the Junior ROTC while a student at Tuba City High School;  
15 when she joined the military two and a half years ago, she followed  
16 in the footsteps of her father, who served in Vietnam, and a  
17 grandfather who served in World War II; and

18           WHEREAS, A strong woman who took pride in her Hopi heritage,  
19 Specialist Piestewa won affectionate respect for her  
20 levelheadedness and for her wide smile and friendly nature; she was  
21 an inspiring role model in the Hopi community and a loving,  
22 nurturing mother to her four-year-old son and three-year-old  
23 daughter; and

24           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military

1 personnel, whose brave and steadfast efforts have long secured this  
2 nation's treasured freedom; through her unwavering devotion to  
3 duty, honor, and her country, Specialist Piestewa embodied the  
4 highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and the State of  
5 Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of a hero who made the  
6 ultimate sacrifice in her country's behalf and whose life was a  
7 blessing to all who were privileged to share her love and  
8 friendship; now, therefore, be it

9         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Army Specialist Lori  
11 Ann Piestewa and extend deep sympathy to the members of her family:  
12 to her parents, Percy and Terry Piestewa; to her son, Brandon, and  
13 her daughter, Carla; and to the other relatives and many friends of  
14 this beloved American soldier; and, be it further

15         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Army  
18 Specialist Lori Ann Piestewa.

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Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
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Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
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Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
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Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
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Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
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Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
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Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
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Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
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H.R. No. 1453

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1453 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House