

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Private First Class Christopher Reed
3 Kilpatrick of Columbus, who died in Iraq on June 20, 2005, at the
4 age of 18; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the 603rd Transportation Company, 142nd
6 Corps Support Battalion, Private Kilpatrick was mortally injured
7 while working to keep the peace in a foreign land; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his assignment, this
9 brave Texan took great pride in his work and was committed to
10 fulfilling his mission to the very best of his ability; courageous
11 and steadfast, he earned a host of accolades, including the
12 National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Bronze
13 Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Columbus High School where he
15 participated in basketball, tennis, FFA, and the FCA, Private
16 Kilpatrick graduated in 2004; he qualified for the academic
17 all-district team and earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in
18 the Boy Scouts of America; he was a member of First Baptist Church
19 in Columbus and also attended the Frelsburg Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
21 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and
22 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to
23 Christopher Reed Kilpatrick for the service he undertook and the
24 sacrifice he rendered; and

1 WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family
2 of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and
3 those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in
4 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Private First Class Christopher Reed Kilpatrick and extend deepest
8 sympathy to the members of his family: to his father, Scott
9 Kilpatrick and his wife, Melissa; to his mother, Tracy Hanak and her
10 husband, Zachary; to his sisters, Jaclyn and Morgan Kilpatrick; to
11 his stepsisters, Elizabeth and Rebecca Boulware; to his paternal
12 grandparents, Bill and June Kilpatrick; to his maternal
13 grandparents, Jack Soape and Scarlette Soape; to his maternal
14 great-grandmother, Betty Baker; and to his other relatives and many
15 friends; 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 U.S. Army
19 Private First Class Christopher Reed Kilpatrick.

Cook of Colorado

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
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Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 213

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 213 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 7, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House