

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 213

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.