SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

In Memory of Robert Horrigan

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Master Sergeant Robert Horrigan, who died in Iraq on June 17, 2005, at the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, Robert was born January 13, 1965, in Limestone, Maine; he graduated from Crockett High School in Austin and enlisted in the United States Army after graduation; and

WHEREAS, He served in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, at Fort Benning, Georgia; in 1991, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In his last assignment, Robert served with the United States Army Special Operations Command; he had completed tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, and was serving his fifth tour in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated soldier received many decorations and awards during his career, including the Bronze Star with bronze valor device and oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal; posthumously, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with valor device, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Robert will be remembered for his bravery, his dignity, and his dauntless spirit; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere

condolences to the bereaved family of Robert Horrigan: his wife,

Denise; his daughter, Courtney; his mother, Mary Horrigan; his

sister, Lisa Shine; and his twin brother, John Horrigan, and his

younger brother, Daniel Horrigan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert Horrigan.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 29, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate