

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

In Memory  
of  
Christopher Reed Kilpatrick

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Columbus in mourning the loss of Private First Class Christopher Reed Kilpatrick of the United States Army, who died June 20, 2005, at the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Kilpatrick was born in Houston on June 28, 1986; he grew up in Columbus and graduated from Columbus High School on May 28, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, He signed up for the Army during his senior year and began his basic training on August 18, 2004, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; he died while courageously serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; Christopher was assigned to the 603rd Transportation Company, 142nd Corps Support Battalion, Warrior Brigade, Fort Polk, Louisiana, as an 88M10 vehicle operator; he was deployed to Iraq on February 20, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, While serving active duty, Christopher earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, In his hometown where no one is a stranger, Christopher stood out as an example for others to follow; never content to sit on the sidelines, Christopher was always an active participant in life; he played on the Columbus Cardinal high school basketball team, qualified for the academic all-district team, and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Future Farmers of America; he had also earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, A young man of courage, strength, and compassion, Christopher gave generously of himself to others, and his warmth and spirited nature will not be forgotten by those who knew him; Christopher lived his life to the fullest, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished 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 Christopher Reed Kilpatrick: his father, Scott Kilpatrick, and his wife, Melissa; his mother, Tracy Hanak, and her husband, Zachary; his sisters, Jaclyn and Morgan Kilpatrick; his stepsisters, Rebecca Boulware and Elizabeth Boulware; his grandparents, Bill and June Kilpatrick and Jack Soape and Scarlett Soape; and his great-grandmother, Betty Baker; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Christopher Kilpatrick.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 16, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate