

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The knowledge that their homes and families are
2 being lovingly cared for in their absence offers soldiers
3 immeasurable comfort and solace, and for more than a year, while
4 Staff Sergeant Thomas Wayne Messinger was serving his country as
5 part of the 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment, 56th Brigade
6 Combat Team of the 36th Infantry Division in Iraq, his wife, Loretta
7 Messinger, was sustaining their North Texas household; and

8 WHEREAS, With remarkable perseverance and courage, this
9 esteemed Texan successfully shouldered responsibilities alone that
10 had once been shared; indeed, without the assistance of her spouse,
11 the burden of managing the home was sometimes great and Mrs.
12 Messinger must have often felt the painful ache of separation
13 particularly familiar to wives of servicemen; and

14 WHEREAS, Difficult times are frequently eased by crucial
15 connections with others, and Mrs. Messinger was part of a caring and
16 helpful community of women whose husbands were deployed with one
17 another; reaching out to each other in times of need, the women
18 provided an important source of empathy and encouragement; never
19 losing sight of what bound them together, they organized
20 fund-raising efforts to purchase and send supplies to their men in
21 Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout history women have been an integral part
23 of wartime endeavors, whether as soldiers themselves, nurses,
24 factory workers, or loved ones offering their spouses a vital link

1 home, and in her steadfast attention to domestic duties while her
2 husband was stationed in Iraq, Loretta Messinger has earned a place
3 in this most respected legacy; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Loretta Messinger for
6 her dedicated and resolute support of the household during the
7 deployment of her husband, Staff Sergeant Thomas Wayne Messinger,
8 in Iraq and extend to both of them sincere best wishes for a
9 prosperous and happy future together; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mrs. Messinger and her husband as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 189

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 189 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House