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H.C.R. No. 2

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Sergeant Brian Baker  
2 suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this beloved young  
3 man in Iraq, on November 7, 2004, at the age of 27; and

4           WHEREAS, A dedicated member of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion,  
5 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division,  
6 Sergeant Baker was killed while working to keep the peace in a  
7 foreign land; and

8           WHEREAS, This courageous soldier was born September 6, 1977,  
9 in Springville, New York, and graduated from Springville  
10 Griffith-Institute High School in 1996; in his leisure time,  
11 Sergeant Baker enjoyed fishing, playing cards with his friends, and  
12 riding motorcycles; and

13           WHEREAS, Above all else, he was devoted to his wife, Amy, and  
14 children, Coletin, Cadence, and Emily; and

15           WHEREAS, Brian Baker's warm and ever-present smile, his  
16 easygoing nature, and his zest for life endeared him to his family  
17 and to a host of friends, and his thoughtfulness and concern for  
18 others touched many hearts; and

19           WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the hardships that he faced in a war  
20 zone, Sergeant Baker performed his work with pride and  
21 professionalism, his steadfast commitment to his mission made all  
22 the more firm by a strongly felt desire to help the Iraqi people;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,

1 and this country, Brian Baker embodied the highest ideals of the  
2 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever  
3 treasured by those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his  
4 love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby honor the life of U.S. Army Sergeant Brian Baker and extend  
7 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Amy  
8 Baker; to his son, Coletin; to his daughters, Cadence and Emily; to  
9 his parents, Greg and Holly Baker; to his brothers, Greg and Jesse  
10 Baker; to his sisters, Jenni and Michelle Baker; to his  
11 father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dusty and Barbie Roach; to his  
12 sister-in-law, Sommer Strong; to his brother-in-law, Ross Roach; to  
13 his grandparents, Evelyn Baker and John and Helen Spengler; and to  
14 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
18 U.S. Army Sergeant Brian Baker.