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H.C.R. No. 15

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Corporal William M. Amundson, Jr., of The  
3 Woodlands, who died in Afghanistan on October 19, 2004, at the age  
4 of 21; and

5           WHEREAS, Tragically killed in the performance of his duties  
6 during his third mission as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom,  
7 Corporal Amundson was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger  
8 Regiment, at Fort Benning in Georgia; in addition to the numerous  
9 commendations he earned while serving his country, he was  
10 posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the  
11 Meritorious Service Medal; and

12           WHEREAS, This courageous Texan joined the U.S. Army shortly  
13 after his 2001 graduation from Oak Ridge High School, where he was a  
14 member of the ROTC and earned a reputation for being one of the  
15 fastest rifle spinners in the program; and

16           WHEREAS, A young man of strong faith, Bill Amundson also  
17 possessed a luminous smile, an easygoing nature, and an unfailing  
18 ability to make people laugh that endeared him to his family and to  
19 a host of friends, and his thoughtfulness and concern for others  
20 touched many hearts; and

21           WHEREAS, For his selfless efforts and immeasurable  
22 sacrifice, Americans owe a debt to Corporal Amundson that can never  
23 be repaid; his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and this  
24 country embodied the highest ideals of the United States Army, and

1 the blessing of his life will be forever treasured by those who were  
2 privileged to share in the warmth of his love and friendship; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby pay special tribute to the life of Corporal William M.  
6 Amundson, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
7 family: to his mother, Michele Sanderson; to his father, William  
8 Amundson, Sr.; and to all those who mourn the passing of this young  
9 soldier; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
13 Corporal William M. Amundson, Jr.