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H.C.R. No. 232

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Michael Greg Karr, Jr., suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this brave young soldier in Iraq on March 31, 2004, at the
4 age of 23; and

5 WHEREAS, Inspired to join the army by the events of September
6 11, 2001, Michael Karr enlisted in June 2002 and was deployed for
7 Operation Iraqi Freedom in September of the following year; working
8 as a medic with Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st
9 Infantry Division, he was killed in action while on patrol
10 northwest of Habbaniyah; and

11 WHEREAS, Specialist Karr attended South Garland High School,
12 where he excelled in both academics and athletics and was a member
13 of the National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon Team, football
14 team, and swim team, which he served as captain; after graduating in
15 the top of his class, this talented young man went on to pursue his
16 higher education at The University of Texas at Austin; and

17 WHEREAS, His warm and ever-present smile, his easygoing
18 nature, and his zest for life endeared him to countless friends, and
19 his thoughtfulness and concern for others touched many hearts; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
2 and this country, Michael Karr embodied the highest ideals of the
3 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever
4 treasured by those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his
5 love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby honor the life of Michael Greg Karr, Jr., and extend deepest
8 sympathy to his family: to his parents, Kim Sine and Greg and Jill
9 Karr; to his sisters, Erin Sine and Michele Karr; to his maternal
10 grandparents, Lewis and Dean Dunson; to his paternal grandparents,
11 JoAnn Smith and Jim and Glenny Karr; and to all those who mourn the
12 loss of this beloved young man; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
15 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
16 of Michael Greg Karr, Jr.