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H.R. No. 271

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Sergeant Michael Luke
2 Boatright of Liberty Hill suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this beloved young man in Baghdad, Iraq, on December 4,
4 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, A seven-year military veteran, Sergeant Boatright
6 joined the United States Army in 1997; he was assigned to Company B,
7 20th Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort
8 Hood, and was deployed to Iraq in early March 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan grew up in Frisco and attended
10 Frisco High School, where he participated in the FFA; while living
11 in Frisco he was a valued member of the town's First Baptist Church
12 and was active in the church's youth group; and

13 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Sergeant Boatright found
14 relaxation in music, especially country music, and in the outdoors;
15 he especially enjoyed fishing and deer hunting, and during his high
16 school years he competed in bull riding at rodeos; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Boatright was the devoted husband of Desty
18 Boatright; the couple became the proud parents of three treasured
19 children, Colton, Tanna, and Zoie; and

20 WHEREAS, Luke Boatright's warm and ever-present smile, his
21 easygoing nature, and his zest for life endeared him to his family
22 and to a host of friends, and his thoughtfulness and concern for
23 others touched many hearts; and

24 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the hardships that he faced in a war

1 zone, Sergeant Boatright performed his work with pride and
2 professionalism, his steadfast commitment to his mission made all
3 the more firm by a strongly felt desire to help the Iraqi people;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
6 and this country, Luke Boatright embodied the highest ideals of the
7 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever
8 treasured by those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his
9 love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Sergeant
12 Michael Luke Boatright and extend deepest sympathy to the members
13 of his family: to his wife, Desty Boatright; to his children,
14 Colton, Tanna, and Zoie Boatright; to his mother, Candace Sons; to
15 his father, Michael Boatright, Sr.; to his sisters, Tracy Paige and
16 Chelsea Mince; to his brother, Marcus Mince; and to his other
17 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
21 Michael Luke Boatright.