

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Those Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice  
2 for their country are truly deserving of special recognition, and  
3 U.S. Army Specialist Chad Drake was one such individual; and

4           WHEREAS, Specialist Drake enlisted in the Army in August  
5 2001, and was sent to serve in Iraq on March 13, 2004, his 23rd  
6 birthday; and

7           WHEREAS, A dedicated soldier, Specialist Drake approached  
8 his work with both diligence and modesty and brushed off praise for  
9 his patriotic service by insisting that he was simply doing his job;  
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11           WHEREAS, Specialist Drake's steadfast commitment to his  
12 mission continued until he was killed in action on September 7,  
13 2004, and he is scheduled to receive both the Bronze Star and the  
14 Purple Heart posthumously in tribute to his bravery; and

15           WHEREAS, No words can assuage the pain caused by this brave  
16 Texan's death, and we join his loved ones in mourning the loss of a  
17 young man of great accomplishment and greater promise; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist  
21 Chad Drake and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family: to his  
22 wife, Randi Drake; to his daughter, Kaylee Drake; to his mother,  
23 Ginger Drake; to his sister, Jennifer Ott; to his parents-in-law,  
24 John and Kim Ewell; and to his other relatives and many friends;

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1 and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
4 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.  
5 Army Specialist Chad Drake.

Brown of Kaufman

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 380 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 14, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House