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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;

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.

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