By: Phillips H.R. No. 483

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The death of Michael Tatar in Iraq on November 12, 2004, is a painful loss not only to his family and friends but also

3 to the many people here and abroad whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished lawman, Mr. Tatar had extensive experience with the Grayson County Sheriff's Office, achieving the rank of captain and serving at various times as a SWAT team leader; and

8 WHEREAS, Determined to put his skills to work in behalf of the 9 greater good, Mr. Tatar went to work with a private U.S. company

charged with the training of the newly created Iraqi police force;

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12 WHEREAS, Well aware of the danger inherent in such an 13 enterprise, Mr. Tatar nevertheless believed strongly in his

responsibility to offer his aid, and his untimely passing is a

15 sobering reminder of the human cost of war to soldier and civilian

16 alike; and

WHEREAS, Although he is mourned by his fellow Texans, the inspiring example of his courage will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mike Tatar and extend sincere sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House

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- of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael
- 2 Tatar.