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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Viktar Yolkin of Central Texas suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this beloved young man on January 24, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Specialist Yolkin joined the army in January 2003
5 and served as a combat vehicle driver and rifleman with the 2nd
6 Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division; deployed
7 to Iraq in March 2003, he was among five soldiers killed when an
8 army Bradley Fighting Vehicle overturned in Khan Bani Saad, Iraq;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This brave and valiant soldier grew up in Minsk,
11 Belarus, and came to the United States to pursue an education; he
12 lived in Canyon Lake before relocating to Wimberley and joining the
13 army; and

14 WHEREAS, Quietly competent and proud, Specialist Yolkin was
15 an ideal serviceman; his steadfastness and humility endeared him to
16 his friends and family, and his bravery inspired a community; and

17 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
18 and the United States, Viktar Yolkin embodied the highest ideals of
19 the armed services, and the memory of his love and friendship will
20 always be treasured by those who were privileged to know him; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Army
24 Specialist Viktar Yolkin and extend deepest sympathy to the members

1 of his family and many friends; and, be it further

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