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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Kyle Andrew Eggers of Yakima,
3 Washington, who died in Iraq on December 5, 2004, at the age of 27;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the 506th Infantry, Staff Sergeant
6 Eggers was mortally wounded while his unit patrolled for land mines
7 in the vicinity of Al Habbaniyah; and

8 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eggers grew up in Euless and attended
9 Trinity High School, where he was a valued member of the
10 cross-country team; he enlisted in the Army shortly after his
11 graduation with the Trinity High School Class of 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, Always with a smile and a warm hug, this devoted
13 husband, father, and good friend was a source of strength and
14 inspiration to many at home and in Iraq, where he provided comfort
15 to his fellow soldiers, beside whom he stood courageously in the
16 face of danger; and

17 WHEREAS, He was valiant and unwavering in carrying out his
18 duties, and he received numerous commendations for his actions,
19 including the Meritorious Service Award, the Heroic Achievement
20 Award, and the Purple Heart; and

21 WHEREAS, Our state and our nation are fortunate to have men
22 and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
23 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary soldier is a
24 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Americans owe a profound debt

1 to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen, whose valiant efforts
2 and enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens'
3 deepest respect and gratitude; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eggers is remembered by all who knew
5 him for the greatness and generosity of his spirit and although he
6 will be dearly missed, his memory will live on in the hearts of all
7 who knew him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Kyle Andrew Eggers and
10 extend deep sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
11 Jennifer; to his sons, Tegan, Kaden, and Zane; to his parents, Keith
12 and Diane; to his sister, Kristi; and to his other relatives and
13 many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
17 Staff Sergeant Kyle Andrew Eggers.