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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant First
2 Class Michael Battles, Sr., of San Antonio suffered an immeasurable
3 loss with the death of this brave soldier in Iraq on October 28,
4 2004, at the age of 38; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery
6 Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division based at Fort Hood, Sergeant Battles
7 had been to Korea four times and had served in the first Gulf War;
8 deployed to Iraq in March 2004, he was killed while manning his
9 checkpoint in Baghdad; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on December 5, 1965, Michael Battles entered
11 the Army shortly after graduating from Sam Houston High School in
12 San Antonio in 1984; he was a greatly admired role model to the
13 soldiers under his command, inspiring his troops with his integrity
14 and his positive spirit, as well as a kind and loving family man,
15 who cherished his wife and children and his entire extended family;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Through his selfless and unfaltering dedication to
18 duty, honor, and his country, this courageous young Texan embodied
19 the highest ideals of the armed services, and we owe a profound debt
20 for the enormous sacrifice that he and his family have paid; he will
21 be remembered by his loved ones as a devoted husband, father, son,
22 brother, and friend, and it is most fitting that he also be honored
23 by the state as a hero; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant First Class
2 Michael Battles, Sr., United States Army, and extend profound
3 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Luz Maria
4 Batista Battles; to his children, Michael Battles, Jr., and Nataya
5 S. Battles; to his stepdaughter, Leeza Weibley; to his mother,
6 Ernestine Battles; to his father, Leslie V. Battles, Sr.; to his
7 sisters, Carolyn Mumphord and Dottie McHellen; to his brothers,
8 Leslie Battles, Jr., and Edward R. Battles; and to his other
9 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
12 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.
13 Army Sergeant First Class Michael Battles, Sr.