

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist  
2 Travis Allen Babbitt of Sabinal suffered an immeasurable loss with  
3 the death of this courageous soldier in Iraq on November 9, 2004, at  
4 the age of 24; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on March 4, 1980, in Lebanon, Missouri, Mr.  
6 Babbitt graduated from Uvalde High School in 1998; he married Anita  
7 Ortiz on October 15, 1999, and became the devoted father of three  
8 children; and

9           WHEREAS, Specialist Babbitt had initially served in the army  
10 for four years before reenlisting for six more years, intending to  
11 make the army his career; he was deployed to Iraq in March 2004 and,  
12 after a brief visit home in September, returned on October 11; and

13           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment,  
14 1st Cavalry Division, Specialist Babbitt was killed when his patrol  
15 was attacked by enemy forces in Baghdad; despite being mortally  
16 wounded, this brave young Texan managed to return fire before  
17 collapsing, saving the lives of his fellow soldiers in the process;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, A PBS *Frontline* episode titled "A Company of  
20 Soldiers" documented the activities of Specialist Babbitt's unit,  
21 Dog Company, and revealed the deep sadness that the members of his  
22 company felt at the news of his death; although his passing has  
23 brought great sorrow to his family, friends, and fellow soldiers,  
24 his heroism will always be remembered; and

1           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men  
2 and women whose love for their country inspires them to military  
3 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a  
4 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Americans owe a profound debt  
5 to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen, whose valiant efforts  
6 and enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens'  
7 deepest respect and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Travis  
10 Allen Babbitt, United States Army, and extend profound sympathy to  
11 the members of his family: to his wife, Anita; to his children,  
12 Unique, Serenity, and Diego; to his mother, Kathy Hernandez, and  
13 her husband, Barney; to his sister, Crystal Lambert; to his two  
14 nieces; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.  
18 Army Specialist Travis Allen Babbitt.

Gallego

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
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Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
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Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 915

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 915 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 14, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House