

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The death of Alfred C. Habelman of Houston on April  
2 1, 2005, while working in Iraq for a California-based construction  
3 company, brought a profound loss to his family, friends, and many  
4 admirers; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Habelman was born on July 19, 1951, and attended  
6 Spring Woods High School, where he was an all-district football and  
7 baseball player; he graduated from Sam Houston State University and  
8 played professional baseball with the Montreal Expos organization  
9 before an injury led him to enlist in the Army; and

10           WHEREAS, A highly decorated, 31-year veteran of the U.S.  
11 Army, Mr. Habelman served with distinction as a Green Beret,  
12 Airborne Ranger, and Special Forces Leader; he earned the rank of  
13 Brigade Command Sergeant Major and served this nation with the most  
14 decorated unit in the Republic of Vietnam, the 5th Special Forces  
15 Group, and with the 1st Special Action Force in Indochina; and

16           WHEREAS, This brave Texan also served as part of Operation  
17 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, where he led the 7th Cavalry  
18 Regiment to become the first Apache unit certified combat ready in  
19 the history of the reserves; and

20           WHEREAS, He regularly demonstrated steadfast courage and  
21 unwavering commitment to his missions, and for his noble efforts he  
22 was accorded a host of prestigious military accolades, including  
23 several Meritorious Service medals, Army Commendation Medal, Army  
24 Achievement Medal, and the Army Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

1           WHEREAS, Possessed of countless talents and skills, Mr.  
2 Habelman was a multi-engine air transport pilot, a single-engine  
3 and multi-engine commercial pilot, and a flight instructor as well  
4 as a medical specialist, underwater expert, and first degree black  
5 belt in Tae Kwan Do; and

6           WHEREAS, Al Habelman was an outstanding soldier and civilian  
7 whose exceptional achievements and profound dedication to the  
8 welfare of others are an inspiration to all Americans; although his  
9 presence will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the  
10 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be  
11 it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Alfred C.  
14 Habelman and extend deepest sympathy to his mother and to all those  
15 who mourn the loss of this beloved man; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alfred C.  
19 Habelman.

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H.R. No. 1567

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1567 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 20, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House