

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Samuel Tyrone Castle of  
3 Naples, who died in Iraq on May 11, 2005, at the age of 26; and

4           WHEREAS, A transmission system operator with Company A of the  
5 327th Signal Battalion, Staff Sergeant Castle was mortally injured  
6 by a land mine while traveling by convoy to Baghdad; and

7           WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his assignment in  
8 Iraq, this brave Texan took great pride in his work and was  
9 committed to fulfilling his mission to the very best of his ability;  
10 courageous and steadfast, he earned the National Defense Service  
11 Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service  
12 Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal; and

13           WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Castle was a member of the 1996  
14 graduating class of Hughes Springs High School; he enjoyed a host of  
15 sports, and excelled in baseball and football; and

16           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men  
17 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and  
18 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to  
19 Staff Sergeant Castle for the service he undertook and the  
20 sacrifice he rendered; and

21           WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family  
22 of this beloved young man; he was a serviceman of honor and valor,  
23 and those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in  
24 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Staff  
3   Sergeant Samuel Tyrone Castle and extend deepest sympathy to the  
4   members of his family: to his wife, Staff Sergeant Nacole Castle; to  
5   his daughter, Samilya; to his son, Samuel; to his mother and  
6   stepfather, Della Castle Payne and James Payne; to his father and  
7   stepmother, Jimmy Tyrone Castle and Pam Castle; to his brother,  
8   Antwone; to his sister, Wanakee; and to his other relatives and many  
9   friends; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11   prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12   Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Staff  
13   Sergeant Samuel Tyrone Castle.

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H.R. No. 1921

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1921 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 27, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House