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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Captain Andrew Houghton
2 suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this courageous
3 young soldier on August 9, 2004, at the age of 25; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1/4 Cavalry Squadron of the Army's
5 1st Division, Captain Houghton was mortally wounded in a
6 rocket-propelled grenade attack while on patrol north of Baghdad;
7 deployed to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2004, he
8 demonstrated steadfast courage and an unwavering commitment to his
9 missions, and his exceptional efforts earned him the Purple Heart;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A Houston native and former Eagle Scout, Captain
12 Houghton graduated from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School in
13 1997, and went on to attend the prestigious U.S. Military Academy at
14 West Point, where he participated in the Marine Corps Marathon and
15 helped to organize the Special Olympics; and

16 WHEREAS, Our state and our nation are fortunate to have young
17 men and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
18 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a
19 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Americans owe a profound debt
20 to our nation's servicemen and women, whose valiant efforts and
21 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest
22 respect and gratitude; and

23 WHEREAS, Andy Houghton is remembered by all who knew him for
24 his ever-present smile and generosity of spirit; although he will

1 be sorely missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, his
2 bravery and his heroism will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Captain Andrew R.
5 Houghton and extend profound sympathy to the members of his family:
6 to his parents, George and Cindy Houghton; to his brother, Matt
7 Houghton; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
12 Captain Andrew R. Houghton.