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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 Private First Class Wesley Robert Riggs of  
3 Beach City, who died in Iraq on May 17, 2005, at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry  
5 Regiment, Private Riggs was mortally injured by a roadside bomb  
6 while conducting a patrol near Tikrit; 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 Army Service Ribbon, Global  
11 War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal,  
12 the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

13 WHEREAS, Private Riggs graduated from Barbers Hill High  
14 School in 2003; he enlisted in the armed services in February 2004  
15 and hoped to one day pursue a career in law enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, Known for his love of fishing, spending time on the  
17 water, and mudding in his Tahoe Z71, he was a member of the Team  
18 Houston Olympic weight-lifting team and of Holy Trinity Catholic  
19 Church in Mont Belvieu; and

20 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men  
21 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and  
22 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to  
23 Wesley Robert Riggs for the service he undertook and the sacrifice  
24 he rendered; and

1           WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family  
2 of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and  
3 those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in  
4 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Private First Class  
7 Wesley Robert Riggs and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
8 his family: to his fiancé, Christina Dew; to his parents, Daniel and  
9 Vicki Riggs, Gayle McDermott and Roy Chavez, and Robert McDermott;  
10 to his brothers, Patrick and Kevin McDermott, Daniel Riggs II, and  
11 J. William and Justin Kirk; to his grandparents, Jared and Helen  
12 Riggs, Sally Cobb, Martha and Eddie Barthomley, and Phillip and  
13 Connie Sterling; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
14 be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
18 Private First Class Wesley Robert Riggs.