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H.R. No. 2134

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael Luke Boatright of the United States  
2 Army served this country with exceptional valor and gave his life in  
3 its cause in Iraq on December 4, 2004, at the age of 24; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to Company B, 20th Combat Engineer  
5 Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Sergeant Boatright  
6 was deployed to Iraq in March 2004, and he had previously served in  
7 Bosnia; and

8           WHEREAS, Sergeant Boatright grew up in Frisco and attended  
9 Frisco High School, where he was active in FFA and participated in  
10 rodeos, and he was a valued member of the First Baptist Church and  
11 its youth group; described by his friends as "just an ordinary  
12 country boy," he enjoyed music and rodeos and was an animal lover;  
13 and

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

21           WHEREAS, Beloved husband, father, and son, Luke Boatright was  
22 far from ordinary and he is remembered by all who knew him for his  
23 winning smile, his generosity of spirit, and his courage; although  
24 he will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and fellow

1 soldiers, his bravery and his heroism will not be forgotten; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Michael Luke  
5 Boatright and extend profound sympathy to the members of his  
6 family: to his wife, Desty Boatright; to his children, Colton,  
7 Tanna, and Zoie Boatright; to his mother, Candace Sons; to his  
8 father, Michael Boatright, Sr.; to his sisters, Tracy Paige and  
9 Chelsea Mince; to his brother, Marcus Mince; and to his other  
10 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant  
14 Michael Luke Boatright.