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H.C.R. No. 78

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Residents of the Sabine Pass area are mourning the  
2 loss of U.S. Army Specialist Ryan Berg, who was killed in Iraq on  
3 January 9, 2007, at the age of 19, and they will join together to  
4 honor this fallen soldier during Golden Triangle Days, February  
5 25-27, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, Born in nearby Port Arthur on July 24, 1987,  
7 Specialist Berg entered the army on his 18th birthday, shortly  
8 after graduating from Sabine Pass High School, and left for boot  
9 camp later that same month; on September 29, 2006, he married the  
10 former Katie Matthis in Sabine Pass, just five days before his  
11 initial deployment to Iraq on October 4, 2006, as a member of the  
12 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry  
13 Division out of Fort Hood; and

14           WHEREAS, Specialist Berg was the first son of Sabine Pass to  
15 be killed while defending freedom in Iraq, and for his courage  
16 during combat he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star;  
17 loved ones and friends remembered him fondly when he was laid to  
18 rest on January 19, 2007, at Sabine Pass Cemetery, less than a month  
19 after he celebrated Christmas with his wife, Katie, and his family;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, A talented athlete, this brave young man enjoyed  
22 playing football, basketball, and golf; other pleasures included  
23 spending time with his family and friends, hunting, and watching  
24 his brother Brad play football; and

1           WHEREAS, Ryan Berg loved serving his country as a member of  
2 the U.S. Army and was dedicated to doing his duty to the best of his  
3 ability, and although his loss has left a void in the lives of those  
4 who knew and loved him, his spirit will live on in their hearts;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist Ryan Berg and  
8 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
9 Katie Berg; to his parents, Travis and Scottie Berg; to his  
10 siblings, Brad and Marissa Berg; and to the other relatives and many  
11 friends of this courageous soldier; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
15 U.S. Army Specialist Ryan Berg.