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H.R. No. 74

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Specialist James
2 C. Kesinger of Orange Grove suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant young man on December 12, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Specialist Kesinger was killed while bravely
5 serving his country during combat operations in Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, A 1992 graduate of Zapata High School, James
7 Kesinger was a well-rounded young man who enjoyed sports, played in
8 the band, was active in 4-H, earned his black belt in taekwondo, and
9 became one of the first male cheerleaders in the history of his alma
10 mater; he joined the Army National Guard after graduation and later
11 became a combat medic with the U.S. Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Specialist Kesinger was on his second tour of duty
13 in Iraq, and despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he
14 remained devoted to serving his country; the heroism he
15 demonstrated in battle earned him both the Bronze Star Medal and the
16 Purple Heart; and

17 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed
18 Forces, James Kesinger inspired others with his fortitude,
19 tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the
20 lives of those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever
21 carry memories of this heroic young Texan close in their hearts;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James C. Kesinger and

1 extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his parents, Clifford and
2 Deanna Kesinger; to his wife, Janie; to his children; to his
3 sisters; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
8 Specialist James C. Kesinger.