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H.R. No. 76

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Navy Petty Officer  
2 2nd Class Charles Victor Komppa of Absarokee, Montana, suffered an  
3 immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant soldier on October  
4 25, 2006, at the age of 35; and

5           WHEREAS, A combat electrician with the 3rd Naval Construction  
6 Regiment, Petty Officer Komppa was killed when a roadside bomb  
7 struck his convoy in the Al Anbar province of Iraq; and

8           WHEREAS, This native Texan was born in Conroe on September  
9 24, 1971, and attended Ingram Tom Moore High School, where he was a  
10 member of the football and cross-country teams; soon after his 1990  
11 graduation, he joined the Navy and went on to serve in Operation  
12 Desert Storm before receiving an honorable discharge in 1995; he  
13 subsequently earned a diploma in construction electricity from  
14 Minnesota State Community and Technical College and completed an  
15 electrical apprenticeship at Leister Electric in Livingston,  
16 Montana; he was later employed as an electrician at the Stillwater  
17 Mining Company; and

18           WHEREAS, Petty Officer Komppa enlisted in the U.S. Navy  
19 Seabees Reserves in 2003 and reenlisted three years later; he was  
20 deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2006; and

21           WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Chuck Komppa shared  
22 more than 15 years with his wife, Delisa, and took great pleasure in  
23 sharing his love for the outdoors with their children, Alicia and  
24 Gary, on fishing, hunting, and camping expeditions; Officer Komppa

1 was also a faithful member of Absarokee Evangelical Church and was  
2 known for his generosity and kindness toward others; and

3 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
4 women whose love for their country inspires them to volunteer for  
5 military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary man is a  
6 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Chuck Komppa embodied the  
7 highest ideals of the armed services, and his bravery and sacrifice  
8 will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Navy Petty  
11 Officer 2nd Class Charles Victor Komppa and extend sincere sympathy  
12 to the members of his family: to his wife, Delisa Komppa; to his  
13 children, Alicia and Gary Komppa; to his father, Gary Komppa; to his  
14 mother, Margaret Martin, and her husband, Chuck; to his brother,  
15 Steven Komppa, and his wife, Tracy; to his sister, Senia Carlson; to  
16 his grandparents, Charles and Helen Bradshaw; to his  
17 brother-in-law, Dawayne Dewey, and his wife, Yvonne; to his  
18 sisters-in-law, Darla Carroll and her husband, Mark, and Delores  
19 Brown; to his nephews and nieces, McKinna, Steven, Gaige, Kyle,  
20 Keith, Clancie, Jessica, Weston, and Donovan; to his mother-in-law,  
21 Gayle McIntyre, and her husband, Dick; to his father-in-law, Ken  
22 Dewey; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles  
27 Victor Komppa.