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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss 2 of U.S. Army Major Matthew Wade Worrell, who was killed in Iraq on 3 May 14, 2006, at the age of 34; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Lewisville High School, Major Worrell earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University and received his commission in 1995 as a second lieutenant; after attending the Aviation Officer Basic Course and initial entry rotary wing training, he received an OH-58D Aviator Qualification and was transferred to Fort Hood; and

10 WHEREAS, Major Worrell was later deployed to Bosnia, and his 11 distinguished service as a platoon leader with Task Force Eagle 12 helped to earn him a position in the Military Intelligence 13 Captain's Career Course; he studied at the Combined Arms Services 14 Staff School and went on to serve with the 101st Airborne Division 15 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

16 WHEREAS, Highly decorated throughout his career, Major 17 Worrell was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, two Bronze 18 Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal for valor, 19 three Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement 20 Medals, and two National Defense Service Medals, to name but a few; 21 and

22 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and 23 women whose love for their country inspires them to military 24 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary Texan is a sobering

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1 reminder of the cost of war; Matthew Worrell will be sorely missed
2 by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, and his bravery and
3 sacrifice will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Matthew Wade Worrell and that deepest sympathy be extended to his wife, Camille Worrell, to his children, Jake and Luke Worrell, and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army 12 Major Matthew Wade Worrell.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 257 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 27, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House