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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kyle A. Nolen of Ennis died on December 21, 2006, at
 the age of 21, while bravely serving his country in Iraq's Al Anbar
 Province; and

WHEREAS, An Ennis High School graduate, Mr. Nolen leaves behind his wife, Cassie, his three-year-old son, Ryan, and his infant daughter, Railey; and

7 WHEREAS, Deployed to Iraq in August 2006, he had realized his
8 longtime dream of joining the service the previous August, two
9 years after earning his high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nolen became a Navy medic and was assigned to H Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Division, during his tour in Iraq; in the field, he regularly placed himself in harm's way in order to tend to injured soldiers in need of medical attention; and

14 WHEREAS, A devoted family man who enjoyed soccer and fishing, 15 Mr. Nolen helped bridge the gap between servicemen and servicewomen 16 and civilians by inspiring members of the First Baptist Church of 17 Ennis to send care packages to Ellis County residents who are 18 serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Passionate in the performance of his duties and in his desire to help others, Kyle Nolen embodied the qualities of selflessness, heroism, and valor, and the loved ones of this fine young man will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Kyle Nolen and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Cassie Willard Nolen; to his children, Ryan and Railey Nolen; to his mother, Frances Nolen, and his father, Michael Nolen; to his sisters, Angelica, Tori, and Sarah Nolen and Mikayla Monjaras; to his brother, Shea Nolen; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kyle Nolen. Pitts

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 274 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House