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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Corporal Timothy 2 Allen Swanson of San Antonio suffered an immeasurable loss with the 3 death of this valiant soldier on January 27, 2007, at the age of 21; 4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 6 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Corporal Swanson 7 was mortally wounded when a roadside bomb struck his convoy in Taji, 8 Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 25, 1985, in Fort Hood, Tim Swanson 9 graduated in 2003 from Clark High School, where he was a member of 10 11 R.O.T.C.; eager to serve his country, he joined the Army and was 12 subsequently posted to Fort Carson, Colorado; he served as an M-1 13 tank crewman during his first tour of Iraq, earning the Global War 14 on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon, and did not hesitate to sign on for a second tour, for which he served as a 15 16 member of a personal security detail; he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with valor, and Army Good Conduct 17 Medal; and 18

WHEREAS, Corporal Swanson was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who often spent his free time fishing, hiking, or hunting and also enjoyed paintball and martial arts; devoted to his family and friends, he especially cherished visits with his grandparents in Texas and Wisconsin; he was rarely seen without a smile, and he delighted others with his indomitable sense of humor; and

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1 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men 2 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and 3 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to 4 Timothy Swanson for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he 5 rendered; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and 7 his country, Timothy Allen Swanson embodied the highest ideals of 8 the armed services, and his memory will be forever treasured by 9 those who shared in the blessing of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Timothy 11 Allen Swanson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his 12 family: to his parents, Dana and Keith Howard; to his sister, Carrie 13 14 Howard; to his brother, Charles Howard; to his grandparents, Delwin 15 and Caryle Swanson and Charles and Lucille Howard; to his great-grandmother, Hilda Swanson; and to his other relatives and 16 17 many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army 21 Corporal Timothy Allen Swanson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 402 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 1, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House