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H.R. No. 402

R E S O L U T I O N

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

9 WHEREAS, Born on March 25, 1985, in Fort Hood, Tim Swanson
10 graduated in 2003 from Clark High School, where he was a member of
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
15 hesitate to sign on for a second tour, for which he served as a
16 member of a personal security detail; he was posthumously awarded
17 the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with valor, and Army Good Conduct
18 Medal; and

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

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

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