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H.R. No. 716

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Army Specialist Robert
2 Tipp, Jr., of Lake Jackson suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant soldier on March 27, 2005, at the age of 20;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 7, 1984, Robert Tipp was active in youth
6 football and soccer as a child and grew up to enjoy hunting,
7 fishing, and racing; he attended Brazoswood High School, where he
8 played football and participated in the FFA, and he later graduated
9 from Seaborne Challenge Corps in Galveston on December 23, 2000;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, He joined the United States Army on August 16, 2001,
12 receiving his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and his
13 advanced training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and

14 WHEREAS, A proud member of the 515th Forward Support
15 Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Specialist Tipp served two
16 six-month tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom II as part of the Charlie
17 Company Outlaws, Maintenance Platoon, in Camp Falcon, Baghdad,
18 Iraq, after being deployed from Fort Hood on March 9, 2004; and

19 WHEREAS, Returning home to Texas on March 23, 2005, this fine
20 young man believed strongly in helping his fellow man and had
21 dreamed of continuing his service to others by becoming a police
22 officer; and

23 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
24 women whose love of country inspires them to take up military

1 service; Specialist Robert Tipp, Jr., embodied the highest ideals
2 of the U.S. Armed Forces, and those who knew and loved him will
3 forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Specialist
6 Robert Tipp, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
7 family: to his parents, Robert and Gail Tipp; to his sister,
8 Jennifer Tipp; to his grandparents, Bill and Delores Tipp and Gene
9 and Helen Morgan; to his great-grandparents, Clifford and Marie
10 Payne; and to his other family members and friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Army
15 Specialist Robert Tipp, Jr.