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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist 2 Collin Ryan Schockmel of Richwood suffered an immeasurable loss 3 with the death of this valiant soldier on January 16, 2007, at the 4 age of 19; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Schockmel served as a proud member of the 6 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd 7 Infantry Division stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado; he was 8 deployed to Iraq in October 2006 and died during combat operations 9 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, only days after returning from a short Christmas 10 leave; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 24, 1987, Specialist Schockmel spent his childhood in both Texas and Arizona; he was known for his fun-loving personality, musical talent on the saxophone, enjoyment of games, competitive spirit on the school wrestling team, and his generous, compassionate nature especially in regards to children, animals, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, A devout member of the local Episcopal church, Specialist Schockmel served as an acolyte, sang in the choir, and was an enthusiastic participant in all youth activities; and

20 WHEREAS, Proud of his service as a soldier, he believed 21 strongly in giving of his time and talents to further the ideals of 22 the armed services; and

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

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military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary soldier is a sobering reminder of the cost of war; those who knew and loved Specialist Schockmel will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist Collin Ryan Schockmel and extend sincere sympathy to the members of 7 8 his family: to his mother, Kristin Shinn; to his sister, Emily Schockmel; to his brother, Charles Shinn; to his stepsister, 9 Heather Shinn; to his stepbrother, Brian Shinn; to his grandmother, 10 Bernadine Schockmel; to his aunts and uncles, Lauren and Randy 11 Crim, Keith and Beth Schockmel, Matthew Schockmel and Robin 12 Simpson, and Nathan Schockmel and Karen Nettles Schockmel; and to 13 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further 14

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army 18 Specialist Collin Ryan Schockmel.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 849 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 14, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House