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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

17 WHEREAS, A devout member of the local Episcopal church,
18 Specialist Schockmel served as an acolyte, sang in the choir, and
19 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

1 military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary soldier is
2 a sobering reminder of the cost of war; those who knew and loved
3 Specialist Schockmel will forever carry him close in their hearts;
4 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
7 Collin Ryan Schockmel and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
8 his family: to his mother, Kristin Shinn; to his sister, Emily
9 Schockmel; to his brother, Charles Shinn; to his stepsister,
10 Heather Shinn; to his stepbrother, Brian Shinn; to his grandmother,
11 Bernadine Schockmel; to his aunts and uncles, Lauren and Randy
12 Crim, Keith and Beth Schockmel, Matthew Schockmel and Robin
13 Simpson, and Nathan Schockmel and Karen Nettles Schockmel; and to
14 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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.