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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Private First
2 Class Travis Wayne Buford suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant soldier on February 23, 2007, at the age of
4 23; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry
6 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Private
7 Buford was mortally wounded while supporting Operation Iraqi
8 Freedom in Ramadi, Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Eager to serve his country, Private Buford joined
10 the Army with his best friend and cousin, Joshua Thompson, and was
11 subsequently stationed in Colorado; despite the dangerous nature of
12 his assignment, he took pride in his work and his distinguished
13 service earned him the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, Private Buford was devoted to his family and
15 friends; in his free time, he enjoyed riding four-wheelers and
16 playing golf with his father; and

17 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
18 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and
19 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to
20 Travis Buford for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he
21 rendered; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and
23 his country, Travis Wayne Buford embodied the highest ideals of the
24 armed services, and his memory will be forever treasured by those

1 who shared in the blessing of his life; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Private First Class
4 Travis Wayne Buford and extend sincere sympathy to his mother,
5 Janet Buford; to his father, Anthony Buford; and to all those who
6 mourn the passing of this beloved young Texan; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
10 Private First Class Travis Wayne Buford.