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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 Dustin R. Donica suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of
3 this valiant soldier on December 28, 2006, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute
5 Infantry Regiment, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry
6 Division, Specialist Donica was killed while bravely serving his
7 country during combat operations in Baghdad; and

8 WHEREAS, Dustin Donica was born July 11, 1984, and grew up in
9 Spring, graduating from Klein High School in 2003; he went on to
10 attend The University of Texas, but a strong desire to serve this
11 nation soon led him to join the U.S. Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Known to his friends as "Double D," Specialist
13 Donica loved soccer; from the time he was five, he spent nearly
14 every Saturday at the park playing the sport and at the age of 11,
15 his talent earned him a position on a team that traveled throughout
16 the country; over the years he earned enough money from his referee
17 jobs to pay for his first car, a 1969 MGB roadster that he restored
18 with the help of his father; and

19 WHEREAS, Specialist Donica was close to his family and shared
20 a special bond with his sister, Courtney; he will always be
21 remembered for his generosity of spirit and his unique sense of
22 humor; and

23 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed
24 Forces, he inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and

1 courage; the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of
2 Dustin Donica: a soldier for a brief period, a hero forever; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
6 Dustin R. Donica and extend deepest sympathy to his parents, David
7 and Judy Donica, to his sister, Courtney, and to all those who mourn
8 his passing; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
12 Specialist Dustin R. Donica.