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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 Darrell Wayne Shipp suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of  
3 this valiant young man on January 25, 2007, at the age of 25; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment,  
5 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Specialist Shipp was killed  
6 while bravely serving his country during combat operations in  
7 Baghdad, Iraq; and

8           WHEREAS, A loving son and brother, Specialist Shipp was born  
9 in San Antonio on October 30, 1981, and graduated from Harlingen  
10 High School in 2000; known for his generosity and sense of humor, he  
11 loved music and played in a successful San Antonio band before his  
12 enlistment; he was also passionate about his car, a black Mustang  
13 GT, in which he earned a number of racing awards; and

14           WHEREAS, Specialist Shipp joined the army in 2005, and  
15 despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he remained devoted to  
16 serving his country; his heroic efforts earned him such honors as  
17 the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Combat  
18 Action Badge; and

19           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
20 women whose love for their country inspires them to military  
21 service, yet the tragic death of this brave soldier is a sobering  
22 reminder of the cost of war; and

23           WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
24 forces, Darrell Shipp inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity,

1 and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
2 those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry  
3 memories of this heroic young Texan close in their hearts; now,  
4 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 Darrell Wayne Shipp and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
8 his family: to his parents, Doyle and Regina Shipp; to his sisters,  
9 Bobbie Padilla, Mary Vale, Jennifer Walker, and Donna Rosales; to  
10 his grandparents, Arlene Crosson and Darrell Wells; and to his  
11 other relatives and many friends; and, be it 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 U.S. Army  
15 Specialist Darrell Wayne Shipp.