

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Private First
2 Class Cory C. Kusters of The Woodlands suffered an immeasurable
3 loss with the death of this valiant soldier on March 5, 2007, at the
4 age of 19; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute
6 Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division,
7 Private Kusters was killed while serving his country during combat
8 operations in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, He joined the military three months after his 2005
10 graduation from The Woodlands High School; in his youth, he enjoyed
11 participation in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and was an active
12 member of Crossroads Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Private Kusters loved serving his country and
14 thrived on the adventure and intensity of his work, while remaining
15 aware of its inherent dangers; he was known to volunteer for every
16 assignment, and although he had been given an opportunity to return
17 home for a visit with his family, he selflessly opted instead to let
18 a fellow soldier take leave for the birth of his first child; and

19 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
20 forces, Cory Kusters inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity,
21 and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his
22 loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic young
23 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Private Cory C.
2 Kusters and extend deepest sympathy to his parents, Marlon and
3 Senta Kusters, to his brother, Kevin, and to all those who mourn his
4 passing; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Private
8 First Class Cory C. Kusters.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1596 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 4, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House