

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Philip Cody Ford of Jones Creek suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on December 10, 2006, at the age
4 of 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Airborne
6 Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division,
7 Specialist Ford was killed while serving his country in Baghdad,
8 Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on July 30, 1985, he attended Brazosport High
10 School, where he was active in football, golf, power lifting, and
11 track; in his free time, he could often be found hunting and fishing
12 with his dad and brother; and

13 WHEREAS, Specialist Ford fulfilled a lifelong dream after his
14 graduation in 2004 when he joined the military, and despite the
15 dangerous nature of his mission, he remained devoted to serving his
16 country; he died for the flag he chose to defend, and in the wake of
17 his passing, members of his community raised hundreds of American
18 flags in tribute to this fallen hero; and

19 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
20 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
21 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering
22 reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Philip Cody Ford embodied
23 the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed Forces, and those who knew and
24 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Philip
4 Cody Ford and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his wife,
5 Margi Anita Ford; to his father, Philip Ford; to his mother and
6 stepfather, Marcia and Johnny Self; to his twin brother, Tanner
7 Ford; to his brothers, Jory Wayne Thomas and Steven Andrew Self; to
8 his sisters, Stevenie LeAnne Haner and her husband, Mark, Jennifer
9 SuzAnne Viets and her husband, Doug, Michelle Thomas Melcher, and
10 Julie Christine Quintanilla and her husband, Jay; and to his other
11 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 Specialist
15 Philip Cody Ford.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1601

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1601 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 19, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House