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H.R. No. 1601

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.