

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss  
2 of Army Captain Sean Lyerly of Pflugerville, who was killed in Iraq  
3 on January 20, 2007, at the age of 31; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, Captain Lyerly grew up  
5 in Houston and graduated from Stratford High School in 1994; he  
6 developed a love of plants while visiting Brazil and went on to earn  
7 a degree in horticulture at Texas A&M University; and

8           WHEREAS, Captain Lyerly followed in the footsteps of his  
9 father and other close family members when he joined the military in  
10 1996; he enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard, completing  
11 advanced individual training as a cannon crewmember before  
12 enrolling in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at A&M; and

13           WHEREAS, After completing the U.S. Army Aviation Officer  
14 Basic Course and the UH-60 Aviator Qualification Course, he was  
15 promoted to captain; generous and compassionate, he volunteered to  
16 fly support missions in Texas and Louisiana in the aftermaths of  
17 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

18           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
19 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military  
20 service, yet the tragic death of this fine young man is a sobering  
21 reminder of the cost of war; Captain Lyerly embodied the highest  
22 ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and loved him  
23 will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sean Lyerly and extend  
2 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Csilla  
3 Lyerly; to his son, Zackary Lyerly; to his mother, Deborah  
4 Russo-Blakeman and her husband, John; to his father, George Edward  
5 Lyerly and his wife, Monica; to his brother, George Edward Lyerly,  
6 Jr.; to his grandmothers, Virginia Lyerly and Elvina Rachal Russo;  
7 to his godfather, Louis Russo; and to his other relatives and many  
8 friends; 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 Captain Sean Lyerly.

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H.R. No. 1858

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1858 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House