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H.R. No. 1887

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Robert
2 Matthew McDowell suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of
3 this beloved Texan on April 1, 2007, at the age of 30; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops
5 Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division,
6 Sergeant McDowell was killed on the battlefield in Baghdad while
7 serving his second tour in Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Deer Park High School, Sergeant
9 McDowell enlisted two years after earning his diploma, and during
10 his time in the military, he served in Bosnia and Germany before his
11 deployment to Iraq; notwithstanding the hazardous nature of his
12 work, he approached his mission with the utmost dedication and
13 professionalism, and his courageous service and leadership earned
14 him the Purple Heart; and

15 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
16 forces, Matt McDowell inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity,
17 and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of
18 those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry
19 memories of this heroic soldier close in their hearts; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant
23 Robert Matthew McDowell and extend deepest sympathy to the members
24 of his family: to his parents, Pat and Kathy Callahan and Kim

1 McDowell; to his wife, Daniela McDowell; to his children, Madison
2 and Nathan McDowell; to his brother, Michael McDowell and his wife,
3 Stacey; to his nephews, William and Micah McDowell; and to his other
4 relatives and many friends; 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 United
8 States Army Sergeant Robert Matthew McDowell.