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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Sergeant First Class John S. Stephens of
3 San Antonio, who died while bravely serving his country on March 15,
4 2007, at the age of 41; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
6 Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Sergeant First Class
7 Stephens was mortally wounded when his patrol came under attack
8 during combat operations in Tikrit; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
10 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
11 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect
12 and gratitude; and

13 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
14 forces, John S. Stephens inspired others with his fortitude,
15 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives
16 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
17 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant First Class
20 John S. Stephens and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn
21 his passing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army

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1 Sergeant First Class John S. Stephens.