RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
- 2 at the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Richard A. Smith of Grand
- 3 Prairie, who died while bravely serving his country on December 31,
- 4 2006, at the age of 20; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd
- 6 Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Specialist Smith
- 7 was one of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated during
- 8 a combat patrol in Baquba, Iraq; 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
- WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
- 14 forces, Richard A. Smith inspired others with his fortitude,
- tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives
- of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
- 17 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Richard A.
- 20 Smith and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his
- 21 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
- 25 Specialist Richard A. Smith.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2307 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House