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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 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

13 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
14 forces, Richard A. Smith 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 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

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1 Specialist Richard A. Smith.