H.R. No. 2308

## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Johnnie V. Mason of Rio 3 Vista, who died while bravely serving his country on December 19, 4 2005, at the age of 32; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 717th Ordnance Company, 184th 6 Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group, Staff Sergeant Mason was 7 killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee in 8 Mahmudiyah, 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 forces, Johnnie V. Mason 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 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 Staff Sergeant 20 Johnnie V. Mason and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn 21 his passing; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2308 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House