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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of U.S. Army Private First Class Kristian Menchaca of 3 Houston, who died while bravely serving his country on June 16, 4 2006, at the age of 23; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry 6 Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Private First 7 Class Menchaca was one of three soldiers who were killed when they 8 came under enemy small-arms fire near Yusufiya, 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, Kristian Menchaca 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 Private First 20 Class Kristian Menchaca and extend deepest sympathy to all those 21 who mourn 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.

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