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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 National Guard Sergeant Shawn A. Graham of  
3 Red Oak, who died while bravely serving his country on September 25,  
4 2005, at the age of 34; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 124th Cavalry Regiment, 36th  
6 Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, Sergeant Graham was  
7 killed during his valiant service in Balad, Iraq; and

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

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

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Shawn A.  
19 Graham and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his  
20 passing; and, be it further

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