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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant 2 Shane Robert Becker suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of 3 this valiant soldier on April 3, 2007, at the age of 35; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment,
4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, based at Fort
Richardson, Alaska, Staff Sergeant Becker lost his life while
bravely serving his country on his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Born in Denver, Colorado, Shane Becker graduated in 8 1990 from Greeley High School and went on to serve three years as an 9 M1A1 tanker stationed at Fort Hood; moved to rejoin the army after 10 11 the events of September 11, 2001, he was deployed to Iraq in January 12 2004, during which time he chose to reenlist for another six years; he returned stateside in early 2005 and subsequently attended 13 14 cavalry scout training and airborne jump school before his second deployment in October 2006; and 15

16 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Becker was known for his love of 17 country and for his devotion to his mission and his fellow soldiers; 18 a Texan at heart, he was the loving husband of Crystal Becker, a 19 former resident of Beeville, and the proud father of two daughters, 20 six-year-old Cierra and newborn Cheyenna; and

21 WHEREAS, Highly decorated throughout his career, Staff 22 Sergeant Becker was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the 23 Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 24 three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army

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Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Overseas Service Medal, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude; through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor, Shane Becker embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and memories of his love and friendship will forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 11 Legislature hereby honor the memory of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant 12 Shane Robert Becker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of 13 14 his family: to his wife, Crystal C. Becker; to his daughters, Cierra 15 Celeste Becker and Cheyenna Celeste Becker; to his mother and stepfather, Deborah M. and Bob Jorgensen; to his father and 16 17 stepmother, Robert J. and Jean Becker; to his sisters, Brooke Jorgensen and Nichole Becker; to his brothers, Matt Jorgensen, 18 Chris Becker, and Adam Becker; to his stepbrother, Chris Jorgensen; 19 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further 20

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 Staff 24 Sergeant Shane Robert Becker.

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I certify that H.R. No. 2405 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House