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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment,
5 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, based at Fort
6 Richardson, Alaska, Staff Sergeant Becker lost his life while
7 bravely serving his country on his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Denver, Colorado, Shane Becker graduated in
9 1990 from Greeley High School and went on to serve three years as an
10 M1A1 tanker stationed at Fort Hood; moved to rejoin the army after
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;
13 he returned stateside in early 2005 and subsequently attended
14 cavalry scout training and airborne jump school before his second
15 deployment in October 2006; and

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

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

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

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