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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the death of U.S. Army Specialist Eddie Tamez of Galveston, who 3 lost his life while bravely serving his country in Iraq on April 27, 4 2007, at the age of 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 6 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Specialist Tamez 7 was mortally wounded when struck by a roadside bomb in Fallujah; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 18, 1986, Eddie Tamez joined the 8 army soon after his 2004 graduation from Ball High School, where he 9 was an honor graduate of the ROTC program and a member of the 10 11 Hispanic Dance group; trained as a chemical operations specialist, 12 he was deployed to Iraq in early 2007, and his meritorious service 13 earned him a number of military decorations, including the Iraq 14 Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Expert Marksmanship Badge, and the Deutsch Marksmanship Badge; he has 15 posthumously been awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the 16 Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and 17

18 WHEREAS, Specialist Tamez loved to travel, and his first duty 19 assignment to Germany enabled him and his wife, Keyris, to explore 20 that country as well as Switzerland, Austria, and Italy; he also 21 enjoyed dancing and playing pool, poker, and the drums; and

22 WHEREAS, Specialist Tamez embodied the highest standards of 23 the United States armed forces, and his valiant efforts and immense 24 sacrifice are deserving of the respect and appreciation of every

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American; although his loss has left a tremendous void in the lives of all who knew him, they will forever treasure the memory of his heroic and patriotic service; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist 5 6 Eddie Tamez and extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Keyris Sanchez Tamez; to his father, Henry Arreola; to his mother, Magdalena Dunn; 7 8 to his sisters, Magdalena Romero and her husband, Alberto, and Manuela Zarate and her husband, Leo; to his brothers, Francisco 9 Dunn and his wife, Deyse, and Alejandro Dunn and his wife, 10 Christina; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it 11 further 12

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 Eddie Tamez.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2447 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House