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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 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

8           WHEREAS, Born on February 18, 1986, Eddie Tamez joined the  
9 army soon after his 2004 graduation from Ball High School, where he  
10 was an honor graduate of the ROTC program and a member of the  
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  
15 Marksmanship Badge, and the Deutsch Marksmanship Badge; he has  
16 posthumously been awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the  
17 Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

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

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

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

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eddie  
16 Tamez.