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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of U.S. Army Corporal Ray M. Bevel of Andrews, who died 3 while bravely serving his country on April 21, 2007, at the age of 4 22; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry 6 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Corporal 7 Bevel was killed when a makeshift bomb exploded near his unit during 8 combat patrol operations in Yusufiyah; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's 10 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous 11 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect 12 and gratitude; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Ray M. Bevel 20 and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, 21 be it further

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 U.S. Army

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