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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Residents of the Sabine Pass area are mourning the 3 loss of United States Army Specialist Ryan Berg, who was killed in 4 Iraq on January 9, 2007, at the age of 19, and they will join 5 together to honor this fallen soldier during Golden Triangle Days, 6 February 25 through 27, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in nearby Port Arthur on July 24, 1987, Specialist Berg entered the army on his 18th birthday, shortly 8 after graduating from Sabine Pass High School, and left for boot 9 10 camp later that same month; on September 29, 2006, he married the former Katie Matthis in Sabine Pass, just five days before his 11 initial deployment to Iraq on October 4, 2006, as a member of the 12 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry 13 Division out of Fort Hood; and 14

WHEREAS, Specialist Berg was the first son of Sabine Pass to be killed while defending freedom in Iraq, and for his courage during combat he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star; loved ones and friends remembered him fondly when he was laid to rest on January 19, 2007, at Sabine Pass Cemetery, less than a month after he celebrated Christmas with his wife, Katie, and his family; and

22 WHEREAS, A talented athlete, this brave young man enjoyed 23 playing football, basketball, and golf; other pleasures included 24 spending time with his family and friends, hunting, and watching

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1 his brother Brad play football; and

2 WHEREAS, Ryan Berg loved serving his country as a member of 3 the United States Army and was dedicated to doing his duty to the 4 best of his ability, and although his loss has left a void in the 5 lives of those who knew and loved him, his spirit will live on in 6 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the life of United States Army Specialist Ryan Berg and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife, Katie Berg; his parents, Travis and Scottie Berg; his siblings, Brad and Marissa Berg; and the other relatives and many friends of this courageous soldier; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of United States Army Specialist Ryan Berg.

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