

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 325

In Memory  
of  
Matthew Wade Worrell

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Major Matthew Wade Worrell, who died May 14, 2006, at the age of 34 while serving his country in Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Major Worrell made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when his AH-6M Little Bird attack helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations south of Baghdad; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Worrell was born April 4, 1972, and attended high school in Lewisville; he graduated from Texas A&M University and received his commission in 1995 as a second lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Worrell was a courageous and dedicated commander whose special operations unit was known as the "Night Stalkers"; this elite helicopter unit is one of the fastest deployable task forces in the world; he served as a flight operations officer and as a platoon leader in B Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Worrell was proud of being an American, a Texan, and an Aggie; he believed in his country's goals and was dedicated to his work on behalf of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected by his friends, fellow soldiers, and superiors, Major Worrell never missed an opportunity to get to know people; he was a mentor to many and gave generously of his time and energy to others; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Worrell earned numerous awards and decorations for his courage and gallantry during his meritorious service to our nation; he was the recipient of two Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal for Valor, three Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal; he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Our state and nation are fortunate to have had a military leader such as Major Worrell, whose noble actions and love of country are inspirational; Major Worrell embodied the finest traditions and highest ideals of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, A true American hero and a devoted husband and father, he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by his family, his military comrades, and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Matthew Wade Worrell: his wife, Camille; his children, Jake and Luke; and his parents, Pat and Dora Worrell; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Major Matthew Worrell.

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Averitt	Hegar	Shapiro
Brimer	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Carona	Jackson	Uresti
Deuell	Janek	Van de Putte
Duncan	Lucio	Watson
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Eltife	Nichols	West
Estes	Ogden	Whitmire
Fraser	Patrick	Williams
Gallegos	Seliger	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate