SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 412

In Memory of James C. Kesinger

WHEREAS, The friends and family of United States Army Specialist James C. Kesinger of Orange Grove suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant young man on December 12, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Kesinger was killed while bravely serving his country during combat operations in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, A 1992 graduate of Zapata High School, James Kesinger was a talented and highly regarded young man; while in high school, he enjoyed sports, played in the band, was active in 4-H, earned his black belt in taekwondo, and became one of the first male cheerleaders in the history of his alma mater; he joined the Army National Guard after graduation and later became a combat medic; and

WHEREAS, Despite the dangers of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Specialist Kesinger was dedicated to serving his country and was on his second tour of duty in Iraq when he was killed; the heroism he demonstrated in battle earned him the Bronze Star Medal, and he was awarded a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, James Kesinger exemplified the highest ideals of our nation's armed forces and inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate to know him, memories of this heroic young Texan will abide in their hearts for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of James C. Kesinger and extend sincere condolences to his family: his parents, Clifford and Deanna Kesinger; his wife, Janie; his children; and his sisters; and, be it further

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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 James C. Kesinger.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate