

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 by family and friends at the loss of U.S. Army Master Sergeant James
3 Curtis Coons of Conroe, who died on July 4, 2003, at the age of 35;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the armed forces since 1987, Master
6 Sergeant Coons served his country with distinction for 16 years; he
7 rose swiftly through the ranks, holding numerous leadership
8 positions and attending such important training as the Primary
9 Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's
10 Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and First
11 Sergeant's Course; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Coons completed two tours in
13 Okinawa, Japan, and was later deployed to Kuwait, where he managed
14 the largest C4/IT in U.S. Army history within Southwest Asia during
15 the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his assignment, this
17 brave Texan took great pride in his service and remained committed
18 to fulfilling his mission to the best of his ability; his heroic
19 service earned him a number of accolades through the years,
20 including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the
21 Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good
22 Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have
24 courageous men and women whose love of country leads them to

1 military duty, and time can never diminish the profound debt that
2 Americans owe to James Coons for the service he undertook and the
3 sacrifice he rendered; and

4 WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family
5 of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and
6 those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in
7 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Master
10 Sergeant James Curtis Coons and extend deepest sympathy to the
11 members of his family: to his wife, Robin; to his daughters, Misaki
12 Stacey and Chloe Brielle; to his parents, Richard and Carol Coons;
13 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
15 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Master Sergeant James
16 Curtis Coons.

Callegari

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 46

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 46 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House