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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.