

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Sergeant Charles Bernard
2 Kitowski III suffered an unspeakable loss with the passing of this
3 brave soldier in Afghanistan on August 12, 2007, at the age of 31;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 345th Psychological Operations
6 Company, 2nd Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Civil
7 Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Sergeant Kitowski
8 was based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; he had served in
9 Afghanistan for about a year when he was mortally wounded in
10 Nangarhar Province; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in Gulfport, Mississippi, on August 10, 1976,
12 "Trey" Kitowski grew up in Katy and graduated from St. Thomas High
13 School in Houston in 1994; he earned a degree in management
14 information systems from the University of St. Thomas in 1998 and
15 went on to work in the finance department of Southwest Airlines in
16 Dallas; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2005, with American troops engaged in a difficult
18 struggle overseas, Charles Kitowski joined the United States Army,
19 knowing that he would probably soon see action in the Middle East;
20 his willing determination to shoulder a burden he could have easily
21 avoided spoke volumes about his character, his sense of duty, and
22 his patriotism; to all who knew him well, his decision was
23 consistent with his whole-hearted readiness to give of himself in
24 behalf of others; and

1 WHEREAS, Known for his ever-present smile and fun-loving,
2 generous nature, Sergeant Kitowski brought laughter and joy into
3 the lives of his family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of his courageous service and
5 immeasurable sacrifice, Sergeant Kitowski was awarded the Bronze
6 Star, the Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal; his
7 decorations also included the Combat Action Badge, the Global War
8 on Terror Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, A man who gave his best effort in everything he
10 undertook, Sergeant Kitowski performed his mission in Afghanistan
11 with exemplary dedication and professionalism; his unwavering
12 integrity and devotion to this country reflected the highest ideals
13 of the United States armed forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a
14 debt of gratitude that the passage of time can never diminish; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Charles
18 Bernard Kitowski III and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
19 his family: to his parents, Theresa and Chuck Kitowski; to his
20 grandparents, Zenia and Charlie Kitowski; to the love of his life,
21 Berri Gentry; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
26 Charles Bernard Kitowski III.

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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. 53

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House