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H.R. No. 53

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;
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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.