

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and a host of friends are mourning the  
2 untimely loss of U.S. Army Sergeant John Jared Savage of Mineral  
3 Wells, who died in Iraq on December 4, 2008, at the age of 26; and

4           WHEREAS, A member of the 103rd Engineer Company, 94th  
5 Engineer Battalion, Sergeant Savage was based at Fort Leonard Wood,  
6 Missouri; he deployed for his second tour of duty in October 2007  
7 and was mortally wounded while riding in a convoy near his base in  
8 Mosul; and

9           WHEREAS, This courageous Texan was born on March 4, 1982, in  
10 Peaster; he moved to Mineral Wells as a young child and attended  
11 public school there through the ninth grade; subsequently  
12 homeschooled, he graduated when he was 16; and

13           WHEREAS, "JJ" Savage grew up dreaming of becoming a soldier;  
14 in his youth, he dressed in camouflage, built a Quonset hut in his  
15 backyard, and slept on an army cot; when he reached 18, he signed up  
16 with the National Guard, and the following year he enlisted in the  
17 army; during his career in the service, he spent three years in  
18 Germany in addition to seeing duty in the Middle East; he deployed  
19 to Iraq for the first time in 2005; and

20           WHEREAS, Scheduled to return home soon, Sergeant Savage hoped  
21 to spend the last two years of his enlistment at Fort Hood, where he  
22 could be closer to his family; and

23           WHEREAS, Although his assignment in Iraq was a hazardous one,  
24 Sergeant Savage took its dangers in stride; his free spirit,

1 easygoing manner, and cheerful outlook endeared him to his family  
2 and his many friends, and his generous heart and strength of  
3 character won their fondest admiration; and

4       WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
5 this country, Sergeant Savage embodied the highest ideals of the  
6 United States armed forces, and the blessing of his life will be  
7 forever cherished by those who were privileged to share in his love  
8 and affection; now, therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sergeant John Jared  
11 Savage and extend deepest sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant  
16 John Jared Savage.

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H.R. No. 182

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 182 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 9, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House