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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Matthew Troy Morris suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of
3 this valiant young man, who was killed on April 6, 2008, while
4 bravely serving his country in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, Matthew Morris was a loving son and brother who was
6 known for his energy, affability, and determination; he enjoyed
7 video games and trying out new barbecue recipes and hoped to one day
8 become a history teacher; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on July 16, 1984, in Fairfax, Virginia, he
10 attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, where
11 he earned an ROTC leadership award; he later attended Cedar Park
12 High School and went on to score in the 90th percentile on each
13 section of the General Educational Development test; and

14 WHEREAS, Specialist Morris joined the army, serving with the
15 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, in Balad;
16 despite the dangerous nature of his work, he remained devoted to his
17 mission, and the heroism he demonstrated in Iraq earned him the
18 Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the National Service Defense
19 Medal, and several other decorations; and

20 WHEREAS, Matthew Morris exemplified the highest ideals of the
21 U.S. armed forces; although his passing has left a void in the lives
22 of those who were fortunate enough to know him, they will forever
23 carry memories of this heroic young man close in their hearts; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
3 Matthew Troy Morris and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
4 his family: to his parents, Lisa and Glenn Morris; to his brothers
5 and sister, Cory, Katie, and Sam; to his fiancée, Julia Richardson;
6 to his grandparents, Nancy Jackson and Joane Walters; to his aunt,
7 Diane Afflerbach; to his uncles, John and Brian Walters, and to his
8 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Matthew
12 Morris.