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H.R. No. 1168

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Air Force Major
2 Christopher Cooper suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of
3 this beloved young man on July 21, 2008, at the age of 33; and

4 WHEREAS, Major Cooper was one of six people aboard a B-52
5 Stratofortress when it crashed off the northwest coast of Guam,
6 where the airmen were scheduled to perform a flyover in celebration
7 of the country's Liberation Day; Major Cooper was on deployment
8 from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, A native of Austin, Chris Cooper graduated from
10 Massena High School in New York and subsequently earned a
11 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1997;
12 later that year, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the
13 air force and began to fulfill his longtime dream of becoming a
14 pilot; and

15 WHEREAS, Major Cooper served tours of duty in Iraq and
16 Afghanistan and was awarded the Bronze Star for his work as an air
17 force liaison officer with the army in Iraq; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, he touched countless people
19 with his kind and caring nature; he was known for his Longhorn pride
20 and for his unique sense of humor, which brought smiles to the faces
21 of all who knew him; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
23 and this nation, Christopher Cooper embodied the highest ideals of
24 the armed services, and memories of his love and friendship will

1 forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Air Force Major
5 Christopher Cooper and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
6 his family: to his father, Mike Cooper; to his brother, Timothy
7 Cooper; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
8 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 Chris
12 Cooper.