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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sense of loss  
2 felt by the family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Joshua Ward of  
3 Killeen, who died on February 9, 2009, at the age of 30; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment,  
5 3rd Heavy "Greywolf" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division out  
6 of Fort Hood, Sergeant Ward was killed in Mosul, Iraq, when his  
7 vehicle was struck by an explosive device; and

8 WHEREAS, Joshua Allen Ward, Sr., was born on October 23,  
9 1978, to John M. Ward, Sr., and Patricia Irene Lyles Ward; he was a  
10 1997 graduate of Needville High School, where he was a star football  
11 player; and

12 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty after the  
13 attacks of 9/11, Mr. Ward enlisted in the army in 2001 and trained  
14 at Fort Knox, Kentucky; he was serving his third deployment in Iraq  
15 at the time of his death; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ward was a courageous and highly decorated  
17 soldier who received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, three Army  
18 Commendation Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, and the National  
19 Defense Service Medal, among others; and

20 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
21 country, Joshua Ward upheld the highest ideals of the United States  
22 armed forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude  
23 that the passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Joshua Allen  
2 Ward, Sr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:  
3 to his sons, Joshua Allen Ward, Jr., and Zane Tyler Ward; to his  
4 parents, John M. Ward, Sr., and Patricia Irene Lyles Ward; to his  
5 brothers, Benjamin Wayne Ward, Eric Johnathon Ward, and Johnny  
6 M. Ward, Jr.; to his sister, Brandi Elaine Claire Ward; to his  
7 fiancée, Deonna Julia Gunderson; to his sons' mother, Misty Dawn  
8 Calvert Ward; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
9 further

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