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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the tragic loss of 2 U.S. Army First Lieutenant Timothy Wayne Cunningham, who died on 3 April 23, 2008, at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment,
1st Combat Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort
Campbell, Kentucky, Lieutenant Cunningham lost his life as a result
of injuries suffered during a vehicle incident in Golden Hills,
Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Tim Cunningham was born in Houston on January 22, 10 1982, to John and Cindy Cunningham; after spending his early years 11 in Houston, Hurst, and Rusk, he moved with his family to Alvin, 12 where he graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, During his school years, this energetic and outgoing young Texan served on the student council, participated in track and baseball, and earned membership in the National Honor Society; the son of a Baptist minister, he was also extremely involved in church activities, volunteering in the community and traveling on mission trips to Brazil and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham attended Texas A&M on a Navy ROTC scholarship, serving as company chaplain; after a year, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his older brother, John, and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 2006 as a first lieutenant with a degree in nuclear engineering; and

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That same 1 WHEREAS, year he married his high school sweetheart, the former Samantha Ann Morgenroth, and they were 2 3 blessed with a daughter, Abigail, the following year; Lieutenant Cunningham went on to complete the Infantry Officer Basic Course 4 5 and the Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, before joining his 6 brother in the 101st Airborne and deploying to Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, his country, and his 8 faith, Tim Cunningham will forever be remembered by all those who 9 knew and loved him as a dedicated and compassionate young man who 10 gave everything he had to everything he did; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of First Lieutenant 12 Timothy Wayne Cunningham and extend sincere condolences to the 13 members of his family: to his wife, Samantha Cunningham; to his 14 15 daughter, Abigail Lynn Cunningham; to his parents, John and Cindy Cunningham; to his brother, Captain John David Cunningham, and his 16 17 wife, Jamie Lynn; to his sisters, Christy Dawn, Sara Beth, and Kelsey Lynn Cunningham; to his grandparents, Wayne and Marian 18 Cunningham and Edgar and Jean Jones; to his niece and nephew, Emily 19 and T. J. Bolton; to his in-laws, Guy, Wanda, Dylan, Dakota, and 20 21 Savannah Skinkis and Jonathan Morgenroth; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further 22

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Timothy Wayne Cunningham.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1272 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 23, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House