

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant First  
2 Class Raymond Munden suffered an immeasurable loss with the death  
3 of this valiant soldier on February 16, 2009, at the age of 35; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry  
5 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division,  
6 Sergeant Munden was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan;  
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8           WHEREAS, An alumnus of Mesquite High School, Raymond Munden  
9 fulfilled a lifelong dream after his 1991 graduation when he joined  
10 the military; despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he  
11 remained devoted to serving his country throughout multiple tours  
12 in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

13           WHEREAS, Sergeant Munden was a loving husband to his wife,  
14 Kelly, and a devoted father to his children, Gaven, Garrett,  
15 Sydney, and Kailey; his family had eagerly anticipated his  
16 stateside return, scheduled for March, when he was to assume a  
17 training assignment at West Point; and

18           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
19 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military  
20 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering  
21 reminder of the cost of war; Sergeant Raymond Munden embodied the  
22 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and  
23 loved him will forever carry him 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 Sergeant  
3 Raymond Munden and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his  
4 wife, Kelly Munden; to his children, Gaven, Garrett, Sydney, and  
5 Kailey Munden; to his mother and stepfather, Billie and Dwaine  
6 Clark; to his father, Ralph Munden; to his brother, Brad Munden; and  
7 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1303

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1303 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 23, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House