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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Sergeant First 2 Class Lawrence David Ezell suffered an immeasurable loss with the 3 death of this valiant soldier on April 20, 2008, at the age of 30; 4 and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ezell was killed while bravely serving his 6 country as an explosive ordnance disposal specialist in Baghdad, 7 Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Tivy High School, Sergeant Ezell 9 worked at the Kerr County Jail and was a member of the Kerrville 10 armory of the Texas Army National Guard before joining the army; his 11 military service earned him such honors as the Bronze Star Medal, 12 Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Senior 13 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ezell had previously served in Afghanistan 15 and was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at the time of his 16 death; despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he remained 17 devoted to serving his country; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, David Ezell inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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

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Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lawrence David Ezell and extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Christy, to his son, Tristan, and to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further 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 U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Lawrence David Ezell.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1757 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House