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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 at the death of U.S. Army Sergeant Jonathan A. Markham of Bedford on
3 May 29, 2007, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Markham was a cavalry scout with the 6th
5 Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st
6 Cavalry Division, out of Fort Hood; deployed since October 2006, he
7 was killed by an improvised explosive device in Abu Sayda, Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, Jonathan Markham was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin,
9 on March 2, 1985, and he grew up in Germany, Arizona, and Texas,
10 following his stepfather's career in the army; answering his
11 nation's call to duty, he joined the army in May 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, this brave soldier had
13 earned the rank of sergeant and was due to receive his stripes when
14 he returned to the United States; his commendations included the
15 Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the
16 Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the
17 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism
18 Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action
19 Badge; and

20 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
21 forces, Jonathan Markham inspired others with his loyalty and
22 patriotism, and all who knew and loved him will forever carry his
23 memory close in their hearts; 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 Jonathan A.
2 Markham and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
3 family: to his wife, Stacey Markham; to his son, Daniel Allen
4 Markham; to his mother, Dawn Markham; to his stepfather, Steve
5 Bryan, and his wife, Kelly; to his father-in-law and mother-in-law,
6 Alex and Cindy Aguayo; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
7 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 Jonathan A.
11 Markham.