

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Corporal Rhett
2 Allen Butler of Fort Worth suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant soldier on July 20, 2007, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment,
5 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team),
6 out of Fort Lewis, Washington, Corporal Butler was mortally wounded
7 when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in Khan Bani Sa'd,
8 Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Named for the character from *Gone With the Wind*,
10 Rhett Butler was a gregarious young man who graduated from high
11 school in Glen Rose in 2003 and joined the army in 2004; his
12 determination to serve his nation was so strong that he worked hard
13 to meet the army's qualifications after he was turned down on his
14 first attempt to enlist; he was known for his devotion to his
15 friends and his fellow soldiers and for his love of science fiction
16 books and movies; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Butler's patriotism and courage exemplify
18 the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and although his
19 passing has left a void in the lives of those who were fortunate
20 enough to know him, they will forever carry their memories of this
21 heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal
24 Rhett Allen Butler and extend sincere condolences to the members of

1 his family: to his mother, Sereta Ramsey, and her husband, James; to
2 his father, Dr. David Butler, and his wife, Janice; to his sisters,
3 Shayre Strickland and her husband, Fred, Jr., and Shawna Conway; to
4 his stepbrother, Jarrett Ganer; to his stepsister, Melissa Ganer;
5 to his grandparents, John and Kay Butler and Ernest and Jackie
6 Drake; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rhett Allen
10 Butler.

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H.R. No. 2301

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2301 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House