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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 loss of U.S. Army Private John Alexander Mattox of Jenkins,
3 who died in Afghanistan on August 10, 2008, at the age of 23; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Mount Pleasant, Alex Mattox was born on
5 February 26, 1985, to Mike and Judy Mattox; he was drawn to the
6 armed forces from an early age, and after graduating from
7 Daingerfield High School, he fulfilled his goal of joining the army
8 in October 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan brightened the world
10 around him with his affable nature; he loved Chevy pickups,
11 cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, and music, earning UIL awards for
12 his music memory ability; cherishing his faith, he attended South
13 Union Baptist Church, where he and other fallen soldiers are being
14 honored with a monument to be dedicated on Memorial Day; and

15 WHEREAS, Full of dreams for the future, Private Mattox was
16 looking forward to returning to East Texas after serving his
17 country; he was extremely close with his family, and he worked with
18 his father before joining the service; and

19 WHEREAS, Private Mattox performed his difficult mission in
20 Afghanistan with exemplary dedication and professionalism, and his
21 efforts were recognized with the Bronze Star Medal; his unfaltering
22 devotion to duty, his fellow soldiers, and this country reflected
23 the highest ideals of the United States Army, and his fellow
24 citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that the passage of time can

1 never diminish; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Private John
4 Alexander Mattox and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
5 family: to his parents, Mike and Judy Mattox; to his siblings,
6 Ashlie, Austin, and Dawson; and to his other relatives and many
7 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 Alex
11 Mattox.