

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant
2 Wesley Hunter suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this
3 valiant soldier on September 18, 2008, at the age of 28; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 3, 1979, in Plainview to Bill and
5 Kathy Hunter, Wesley Hunter enlisted in the army after graduating
6 from Lockney High School in 1998; he served three years with the
7 1/509 Infantry (Airborne) and later joined the Colorado National
8 Guard; returning to active duty in 2004, he was assigned to the 1/71
9 Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Drum, New York; and

10 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Hunter deployed to Iraq in August
11 2005, and on February 26, 2006, his vehicle was struck by an
12 explosive device; although seriously wounded himself and under
13 continued fire, he bravely attempted to rescue two fellow soldiers
14 and was later awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his
15 heroism; and

16 WHEREAS, A gifted artist, Staff Sergeant Hunter attended the
17 Art Institute of Colorado in Denver; moreover, he was an Eagle Scout
18 and an outdoors enthusiast, and he belonged to the Church of Christ;
19 he married the former Rayanne Weese on July 26, 2004, in Colorado,
20 and the couple were blessed with two children, Westlin and Tavie;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
23 servicemen and servicewomen, whose love for their country inspires
24 them to take up military service; exemplifying the highest ideals

1 of the U.S. armed forces, Wesley Hunter inspired others with his
2 fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death has left a
3 void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry their
4 memories of him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant Wesley
7 Hunter and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
8 his wife, Rayanne Hunter; to his children, Westlin and Tavia
9 Hunter; to his parents, Bill and Kathy Hunter; to his siblings,
10 Mandy and Jeff Hunter; to his niece, Anna Hernandez; and to his
11 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wesley
15 Hunter.

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H.R. No. 2305

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2305 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House