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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of First Sergeant Jeffrey R. McKinney of Garland, who 3 died in Iraq on July 11, 2007, at the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Sergeant McKinney was a 19-year veteran of the U.S. Army; he was a loving husband and father, known for his kindness and compassion; and

8 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's 9 servicemen and servicewomen, whose love for their country inspires 10 them to take up military service, and their dedicated efforts and 11 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest 12 respect and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, Jeffrey McKinney inspired others with his commitment, leadership, and courage; although his death has left a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of First Sergeant 20 Jeffrey R. McKinney and extend deepest sympathy to all those who 21 mourn his passing; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of First 4 Sergeant Jeffrey R. McKinney.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2308 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House