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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
- 5 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Sergeant
- 6 McKinney was a 19-year veteran of the U.S. Army; he was a loving
- 7 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
- 14 forces, Jeffrey McKinney inspired others with his commitment,
- 15 leadership, and courage; although his death has left a void in the
- 16 lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this
- 17 heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- 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
- 22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of First

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1 Sergeant Jeffrey R. McKinney.