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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Sergeant Garrett  
2 I. McLead suffered an immeasurable loss when he died on August 22,  
3 2007, at the age of 23, while serving in Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, A sniper who also did reconnaissance work, Sergeant  
5 McLead died of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash near  
6 Kirkuk; he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry  
7 Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division,  
8 based at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii; and

9           WHEREAS, The son of Patrick and Patricia McLead of Aransas  
10 Pass, Garrett Ian McLead was born in Houston and grew up in  
11 Rockport; he attended Rockport High School, where he played in the  
12 band, competed in varsity tennis and soccer, and worked on the  
13 yearbook staff; an upbeat and outgoing prankster with a warm smile  
14 and infectious laugh, he enjoyed skateboarding, surfing, and  
15 spending time with his lively, close-knit group of friends; he  
16 possessed a deep faith and was a valued member of First Baptist  
17 Church of Rockport and organized its annual Big Kahuna Surf Trip; in  
18 addition, he was a member of Young Life Rockport and of the Third  
19 Coast Squadron/Commemorative Air Force; and

20           WHEREAS, This valiant soldier dreamed of becoming an actor as  
21 a boy, but following the attacks of September 11, 2001, he felt  
22 called to serve his country and enlisted in the army shortly after  
23 his birthday in May 2002, the year he graduated; his adventurous  
24 nature led him to sign up for sniper school and mountain survival

1 training; after his initial tour of duty in Afghanistan, he chose to  
2 re-enlist and took great pride in the important work he was doing in  
3 Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men  
5 and women whose love of country leads them to service in the  
6 military, and time can never diminish the profound debt that  
7 Americans owe to Sergeant McLead for his sacrifice; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Garrett  
11 McLead and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing;  
12 and, be it further

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