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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the untimely loss
2 of United States Army Sergeant First Class Justin S. Monschke, who
3 died on October 14, 2007, at the age of 28; and

4 WHEREAS, A weapons sergeant with the Special Forces, Sergeant
5 Monschke was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special
6 Forces Group (Airborne), based at Fort Bragg in North Carolina; he
7 was mortally wounded while conducting combat operations in Iraq;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, He was born and raised in Krum and played baseball
10 and ran with the cross-country team in high school; he fulfilled a
11 long-held dream when he enlisted in the army during his junior year,
12 and he left for boot camp a week after his graduation from Krum High
13 School in 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Monschke trained extensively and in 2002,
15 he earned the green beret; he served as an instructor at the U.S.
16 Army Ranger Training Battalion in Georgia and as a squad leader and
17 observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort
18 Polk; and

19 WHEREAS, Among the numerous awards conferred on Sergeant
20 Monschke were two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement
21 Medals, three Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service
22 Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, This beloved son, husband, and father brought joy
24 into the lives of his family and many friends; although his mission

1 in Iraq was a hazardous one, Sergeant Monschke took its dangers in
2 stride and performed his mission with exemplary dedication and
3 professionalism; his unwavering integrity and devotion to this
4 country reflected the highest ideals of the Special Forces, and his
5 fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that the passage of time
6 can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of United States Army
9 Sergeant First Class Justin S. Monschke and extend sincere sympathy
10 to the members of his family: to his wife, Melissa; to his
11 daughter, Ashley; to his son, Ryan; to his father, Larry Monschke;
12 to his mother, Patty Jett; to his stepson, Dylan; and to his other
13 relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Justin S.
17 Monschke.