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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt over the loss  
2 of U.S. Army Specialist Heath Pickard of Frankston, who died in the  
3 line of duty in Iraq on October 16, 2008, at the age of 21; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry  
5 Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division,  
6 Specialist Pickard was killed during a mortar attack in Baquaba,  
7 Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, Heath Kayne Quinton Pickard was born on September  
9 18, 1987, in Athens; he attended Frankston High School, where he  
10 played varsity football and baseball and performed with the Indian  
11 Marching Band; and

12 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty shortly after  
13 graduation in 2006, Specialist Pickard received his basic training  
14 at Fort Benning, Georgia; he was stationed at Fort Wainwright,  
15 Alaska, and deployed to Iraq on his 21st birthday; he has been  
16 posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

17 WHEREAS, Specialist Pickard impressed all who knew him with  
18 his energy, enthusiasm, and good humor; he was a devoted husband to  
19 his wife, Sara, and a proud father to his young son, Ethan; and

20 WHEREAS, Through his dedication to duty, honor, and country,  
21 Heath Pickard embodied the highest ideals of the armed forces;  
22 although his death has left a void in the hearts of those who knew  
23 and loved him, they may take comfort in their memories of this fine  
24 young man who gave his life in service to his country; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist  
4 Heath Pickard and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
5 family: to his wife, Sara Pickard; to his son, Ethan Pickard; to his  
6 grandmother, Margaret Pickard; to his brothers, Chance Pickard and  
7 Austin Pickard; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist  
12 Heath Pickard.