

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist  
2 Benjamin James Garrison of Houston suffered a great loss with his  
3 death in Iraq on November 27, 2007, at the age of 25; and

4           WHEREAS, Specialist Garrison was a radio telephone operator  
5 assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade  
6 Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, out of Fort Drum, New York; he  
7 was killed in Amerli, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an  
8 improvised explosive device; and

9           WHEREAS, This brave soldier enlisted in the army in March  
10 2006 and completed his basic and advanced individual training at  
11 Fort Benning, Georgia; in September 2007, he was deployed to Iraq,  
12 where he earned the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service  
13 Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service  
14 Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

15           WHEREAS, "B. J." Garrison graduated from Alief Elsie High  
16 School in 2001 and attended Houston Community College; married to  
17 his high school sweetheart, Carla, in May 2007, he was beloved by  
18 his family and friends as a kindhearted and generous man; and

19           WHEREAS, Specialist Garrison exemplified the highest ideals  
20 of the U.S. armed forces, and all Americans owe this outstanding  
21 young Texan a profound debt of gratitude for his courageous efforts  
22 in this country's behalf; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Benjamin

1 James Garrison and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
2 family: to his wife, Carla C. Garrison; to his parents, Edwin and  
3 Martha Garrison; to his brother, Ronald Garrison; to his  
4 grandmother, Sally Vanmater; to his grandfather, Chester Bunch; to  
5 his uncles, Lester Garrison and his wife, Carrol, Keith Bunch, and  
6 Matthew Bunch; to his aunt, Kathryn Lilly; and to his other  
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2319

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2319 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House