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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.