

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Specialist William Lawrence Edwards, who died on
3 August 11, 2007, at the age of 23; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry
5 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division,
6 Specialist Edwards was killed while bravely serving his country in
7 Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, Billy Edwards grew up in Houston, where he was a
9 valued member of Boy Scout Troop No. 599; in addition to attaining
10 the prestigious Eagle Scout badge at the age of 15, he was elected
11 senior patrol leader by his fellow scouts, a position in which he
12 supervised the 100 members of his troop; and

13 WHEREAS, He went on to study at Texas A&M University, proudly
14 serving with the Corps of Cadets C-2 unit before joining the U.S.
15 Army; a young man with great ambitions, he hoped to one day attend
16 law school and serve his fellow citizens as a member of Congress;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
19 women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and time
20 can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to Billy
21 Edwards for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he rendered;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family
24 of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and

1 those who were fortunate enough to share in the blessing of his life
2 will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist William
5 Lawrence Edwards and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn
6 his passing; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist
10 William Lawrence Edwards.

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H.R. No. 2320

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2320 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House