H.R. No. 2323

## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at 2 the death of U.S. Army Specialist Jermaine Donnell Franklin of 3 Arlington, who died on November 9, 2007, at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment,
1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Specialist
Franklin lost his life while bravely serving his country in Iraq;
and

8 WHEREAS, Known for his fine sense of humor and his way with 9 children, Specialist Franklin admired his grandfather and father, 10 both of whom served this country in battle, and he proudly followed 11 in their footsteps when he joined the United States Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and 13 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military 14 service, yet the tragic death of this young soldier is a sobering 15 reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Franklin embodied the 16 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and 17 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, 18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist 21 Jermaine Donnell Franklin and extend deepest sympathy to all those 22 who mourn his passing; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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H.R. No. 23231 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army2 Specialist Jermaine Donnell Franklin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2323 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House