

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of Texas Army National Guard Sergeant Anthony Luke Mason  
3 of Springtown, who died while bravely serving his country on  
4 September 18, 2008, at the age of 37; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation, 36th  
6 Combat Aviation Brigade in Grand Prairie, Sergeant Mason was one of  
7 seven soldiers killed when the Chinook helicopter he was riding in  
8 went down near Tallil, Iraq; at the time, he was serving his second  
9 tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

10           WHEREAS, Originally from Panama, Sergeant Mason arrived in  
11 the United States as an infant and was lovingly raised by his  
12 grandparents, Robert Boynton and the late Mary Irene Boynton; he  
13 was devoted to his family and his country, serving in the Texas Army  
14 National Guard for nearly 12 years; a talented mechanic, he enjoyed  
15 utilizing his skills to repair cars in his free time; and

16           WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's  
17 servicemen and servicewomen, whose love for their country inspires  
18 them to take up military service, and their dedicated efforts and  
19 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest  
20 respect and gratitude; and

21           WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
22 forces, Luke Mason inspired others with his commitment, leadership,  
23 and courage; although his death has left a void in the lives of his  
24 loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan

1 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Anthony Luke  
4 Mason and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to  
5 his wife, Melanie Mason; to his daughters, Nikki, Jamie, Megan, and  
6 Sarah Mason; to his grandfather and step-grandmother, Robert and  
7 Anita Boynton; to his mother and stepfather, Mary Jean and Floyd  
8 Harmon; to his father, James Mason; to his siblings, Annette Cihak  
9 and Wesley Mason; to his half-brothers, J. B. and Ray Mason; and to  
10 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant  
14 Anthony Luke Mason.

King of Parker

H.R. No. 2324

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2324 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House