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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of U.S. Army
2 Private First Class Ron J. Joshua, Jr., who died in Iraq on July 17,
3 2007, at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 401st Military Police Company, 92nd
5 Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade in Baghdad,
6 Private Joshua was killed when an improvised explosive device
7 detonated near his vehicle; and

8 WHEREAS, He was born in Germany to a military family; his
9 father, Ron Joshua, Sr., is a master sergeant who has also served in
10 Iraq and his mother, Ursula Joshua, is also an Army veteran; Ron
11 Joshua, Jr., played football at Hendrickson High School in
12 Pflugerville, where he graduated in 2006; shortly thereafter, this
13 brave young man answered his nation's call to duty and enlisted; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Ron Joshua was always a quiet, polite, and
15 respectful young man, he had a delightful sense of humor, a love of
16 adventure and a good challenge, and a smile that brightened the day
17 of all he encountered; and

18 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
19 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
20 service, yet the tragic death of this dedicated young soldier is a
21 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Private Joshua embodied the
22 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who loved him
23 will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Private
2 First Class Ron J. Joshua, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to
3 his family: to his father, Master Sergeant Ron L. Joshua, Sr.; to
4 his mother, Ursula A. Joshua; to his stepmother, Rachel Joshua; to
5 his sisters, Brittany Joshua and Krashona Broden; to his
6 grandparents, Brenda and John Lawson and Katherine Drew, and his
7 step-grandparents, Randy and Denise Seifferlein; and to his many
8 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Private
12 First Class Ron Joshua.