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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Michael James Jaurigue of Texas
3 City, who was killed in Iraq on May 26, 2007, at the age of 20; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute
5 Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division,
6 Specialist Jaurigue was a machine gunner who had been in Iraq since
7 August 2006; he was mortally wounded during combat operations near
8 Samarra; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his assignment,
10 Specialist Jaurigue was committed to fulfilling his mission to the
11 very best of his ability, and the heroism he demonstrated in battle
12 earned him numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star and
13 Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Jaurigue was born on August 11, 1986, in
15 Honolulu, Hawaii; he attended Texas City High School before
16 graduating from Dickinson High School in 2004; a member of the
17 American Legion in Texas City, he enjoyed visiting the post to shoot
18 pool and listen to music with friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
20 and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
21 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a
22 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Jaurigue embodied
23 the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and
24 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representative of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
4 Michael James Jaurigue and extend deepest sympathy to the members
5 of his family: to his father, Jose Noe Jaurigue; to his mother,
6 Juana Nico Jaurigue; to his sister, Monica Jaurigue; to his nephew,
7 Kevin Heimavr; to his grandparents, Miqueila Almanza and Epifanio
8 and Teresa Mata; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael
13 James Jaurigue.