

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the tragic loss of
2 U.S. Army Specialist Cory Joseph Bertrand of Center, who died in
3 Afghanistan on October 14, 2008, at the age of 18; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 15, 1989, in Louisiana, Cory
5 Bertrand joined the military in January 2007 and was assigned to the
6 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st
7 Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood; he was killed when his
8 vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Bertrand was a courageous and highly
10 decorated soldier who received the Army Good Conduct Medal, the
11 National Defense Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the
12 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the
13 Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, among others; and

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
23 Cory Joseph Bertrand and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
24 his family: to his mother and stepfather, Charlotte and Matt Allen;

1 to his father, Ernie Nelams; to his brother, Austin Nelams; to his
2 grandparents, Mable Bertrand, Rose Nelams, and Johnny and Lillian
3 Allen; to his aunts, Melissa Bertrand and Kim Nelams; to his
4 stepbrothers, Luc and Zane Allen; to his stepsisters, Whitnee and
5 Sydnee Allen; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
6 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 Cory Joseph
10 Bertrand.

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H.R. No. 2335

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2335 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House