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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Corporal Peter
2 Courcy of Frisco suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of
3 this valiant soldier on February 10, 2009, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry
5 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, based
6 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Corporal Courcy was killed while
7 bravely serving his country in Salerno, Afghanistan; he was
8 posthumously promoted to the rank of corporal; and

9 WHEREAS, Peter Courcy had dreamed of a military career since
10 childhood, inspired by his grandfather, a Vietnam War veteran, and
11 his uncle who served in the Persian Gulf War; he graduated in 2004
12 from Frisco High School, where he was a member of the hockey and
13 wrestling teams, and went on to attend community college and play
14 amateur hockey for the Dallas Ice Hawks; he subsequently enlisted
15 in the army in 2006 and was trained as an Airborne assault gunner
16 before deploying to Afghanistan in March 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Courcy received numerous awards and
18 decorations for his distinguished service, including the Army
19 Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global
20 War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Air
21 Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and Weapons Qualification,
22 M4, expert; he had recently signed on for another five years of
23 service and hoped to one day join the Special Forces; and

24 WHEREAS, Known for his cheerful personality and playful sense

1 of humor, Corporal Courcy lifted the spirits of his fellow soldiers
2 during hard times; he was an enthusiastic Dallas Cowboys fan who
3 looked forward to sharing his favorite team with his infant son,
4 Anthony Luke, whom he and his wife, the former Mara Gash, welcomed
5 in September 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
7 forces, Peter Courcy inspired others with his commitment,
8 leadership, and courage; although his death has left a void in the
9 lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this
10 heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Peter Courcy
13 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Mara Courcy; to his son, Anthony Luke Courcy; to his mother
15 and stepfather, Mary and Chris Bush; to his father, Jon Mitchell; to
16 his grandfather, Ernest Courcy; to his uncle, Daniel Colasanto; and
17 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Peter
21 Courcy.