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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Major Thomas G.
2 Bostick, Jr., of Llano suffered an immeasurable loss with the death
3 of this valiant soldier on July 27, 2007, at the age of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment
5 of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy,
6 Major Bostick lost his life while bravely serving his country on his
7 second tour of duty in Afghanistan; he was posthumously promoted to
8 the rank of major; and

9 WHEREAS, Tommy Bostick graduated in 1988 from Llano High
10 School, where he was a star on the basketball team; he joined the
11 Army Reserve in his senior year and subsequently embarked on an
12 active-duty military career, serving in Panama in 1989, followed by
13 Operations Desert Thunder, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom;
14 initially an enlisted soldier, he later attended officer training
15 school and became a commander and a member of the elite Army
16 Rangers; his achievements in uniform inspired others, particularly
17 his younger brother, Bobby, who followed in his footsteps to become
18 a Ranger; and

19 WHEREAS, Major Bostick married Jennifer Dudley in 1992, and
20 they were the proud parents of two daughters, Jessica and Ashlie;
21 beloved for his warm personality and natural optimism, Tommy
22 Bostick connected easily with children and looked forward to one
23 day pursuing a second career as a teacher; he had also undertaken
24 studies in law enforcement and earned a degree in criminal justice

1 from Columbus State University; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly decorated throughout his career, Major
3 Bostick was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, a
4 Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Master
5 Parachutist Badge, and multiple Army Commendation Medals; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
7 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
8 sacrifices are deserving of the deepest respect and gratitude;
9 through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor, Tommy Bostick
10 embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and
11 those who knew him will forever hold his memory close in their
12 hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Major Thomas G.
15 Bostick, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
16 family: to his wife, Jennifer Bostick; to his daughters, Jessica
17 and Ashlie Bostick; to his mother and stepfather, Brenda and Jim
18 Richardson; to his father and stepmother, Tommy and Ann Bostick; to
19 his brother, Sergeant Bobby Bostick; to his grandparents, Maudean
20 and Bob Keeler; to his stepsisters, Sonya Richardson, Valorie Ruth,
21 and Shamariee Bostick; to his stepbrother, J. W. Richardson; and to
22 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas G.
26 Bostick, Jr.