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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 United States Army Sergeant Samuel E. Kelsey of
3 Troup, who died in Iraq on December 13, 2007, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, A combat engineer, Sergeant Kelsey was assigned to
5 the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team,
6 3rd Infantry Division, and based at Fort Stewart, Georgia; he was
7 mortally wounded in Tunnis as he was trying to rescue another member
8 of his unit who had been felled by an explosion; and

9 WHEREAS, Sam Kelsey was born on June 28, 1983, and attended
10 elementary and junior high school in Winona before moving to Troup,
11 where he graduated from high school in 2001; his youth was filled
12 with such activities as Little League and fishing and was spent
13 among a wide circle of friends whom he considered family; and

14 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan joined the army in March 2003;
15 he was stationed for a time at Fort Leonard Wood and saw duty in
16 Korea before being posted to Fort Stewart in March 2007; the
17 following October, he was deployed on his second tour in Iraq; and

18 WHEREAS, From the time he was a boy, Sam Kelsey won the hearts
19 of all who knew him; his sunny, irrepressible nature as well as his
20 gift for friendship and his genuine concern for others have left his
21 loved ones with a rich legacy of cherished memories; as a soldier,
22 his pride in serving his country and his determination to protect
23 those under his command have also left a lasting impression; on
24 December 23, 2007, at the instigation of his commanding officer,

1 Patrol Base Kelsey was named in his honor; and

2 WHEREAS, Charged with a difficult mission, Sergeant Kelsey
3 responded with unfaltering courage, and his service and sacrifice
4 are deserving of honor by every American; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Samuel E.
7 Kelsey and extend sincere sympathy to his mother, Denina Kelsey,
8 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
11 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
12 Samuel E. Kelsey.