

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the tragic loss of  
2 U.S. Army Specialist Aaron James Walker of Harker Heights, who died  
3 on September 18, 2007, at the age of 23; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry  
5 Regiment, 1st Armored Division, based out of Vilseck, Germany,  
6 Specialist Walker lost his life during combat operations in  
7 Baghdad, Iraq; and

8           WHEREAS, "A. J." Walker, the son of loving parents Darryl and  
9 Annie Walker, grew up in Arkansas, attending high school in Little  
10 Rock, where he was a member of the football team; also active in his  
11 church, he played drums in its band and helped his dad with his  
12 duties as youth pastor; and

13           WHEREAS, Known for his passion for life, Specialist Walker  
14 loved his country and followed in his father's footsteps when he  
15 joined the military; above all else, he was devoted to his family,  
16 including his wife, Amber; and

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

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist

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1 Aaron James Walker and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
2 family: to his wife, Amber Walker; to his parents, Darryl and Annie  
3 Walker; to his siblings, Alex and Andee; and to his other relatives  
4 and many friends; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
8 Specialist Aaron James Walker.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2344 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House