

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant  
2 Gary Wayne Jeffries of Roscoe suffered an immeasurable loss with  
3 his death on January 28, 2008, at the age of 37, while serving in  
4 Iraq; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry  
6 Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of  
7 Fort Carson, Colorado, Staff Sergeant Jeffries was killed by an  
8 improvised explosive device in Mosul; and

9           WHEREAS, Gary Jeffries graduated from Roscoe High School in  
10 1990, and he joined the Army in 1997; he served four tours of duty  
11 overseas, including one deployment in Korea and three deployments  
12 in Iraq; he looked out for the other soldiers in his unit, who  
13 affectionately called him "Grandpa Six"; and

14           WHEREAS, For his distinguished service, Staff Sergeant  
15 Jeffries earned the Army Commendation Medal with valor device, two  
16 Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, three Army  
17 Good Conduct Medals, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

18           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
19 women whose love of country leads them to serve in the military, and  
20 the passage of time can never diminish the profound debt that  
21 Americans owe Staff Sergeant Jeffries for his sacrifice; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant Gary

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1 Wayne Jeffries and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
2 family: to his mother, Fern Taylor; to his children, Zachary and  
3 Sierra; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gary Wayne  
7 Jeffries.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2506 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House