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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Specialist Kamisha Jane Block of Vidor, who died on
3 August 16, 2007, at the age of 20, while serving in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Jane and Jerry Block, Kamisha Block
5 was born in Vidor, where she won many friends with her kindness and
6 her outgoing personality; a valued member of Eastgate United
7 Pentecostal Church and a model student, she motivated her friends
8 to strive toward academic success as well; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Block dreamed of a career in law
10 enforcement; diligent and goal-oriented, she held babysitting jobs
11 and began working at a restaurant before graduating from Vidor High
12 School in 2005; in July of that year, she joined the army and served
13 proudly as a military police officer; and

14 WHEREAS, Before her deployment to Iraq, Specialist Block was
15 stationed in Korea, and in January 2007, she was assigned to the
16 401st Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion,
17 89th Military Police Brigade, based at Fort Hood; dedicated and
18 brave, she was affectionately known as "Wonder Woman" by her fellow
19 soldiers; her radiant smile and irrepressible humor brightened
20 difficult days, while her readiness to help others benefited many
21 fellow soldiers; her numerous decorations included the Bronze Star,
22 the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the
23 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

24 WHEREAS, Kamisha Block exemplified the highest ideals of the

1 U.S. armed forces; although her passing has left a void in the lives
2 of those who were fortunate enough to know her, they will forever
3 treasure their memories of this remarkable young woman; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
7 Kamisha Jane Block and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
8 family: to her parents, Jerry and Jane Block; to her sister, Shonta
9 Godeaux; to her grandmother, Gertrude Stuckey; to her aunts and
10 uncles, Steve and Gayle Stuckey, Mary Vella, John and Jackie
11 Stuckey, Kathey and Floyd Byerley, Arlene and Doug Conn, Darlene
12 and Ray Gills, Wayne and Joy Stuckey, and Terry and Hope Stuckey; to
13 her nephew, Hyden Godeaux; and to her other relatives and many
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kamisha
18 Block.