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H.R. No. 2511

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the death of U.S.  
2 Army Specialist Jeffrey F. Nichols of Burnet County, who was killed  
3 in the line of duty in Iraq on May 1, 2008, at the age of 21; and

4 WHEREAS, Specialist Nichols died of wounds sustained when his  
5 vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to service, Jeffrey  
8 Nichols joined the army in September 2005 and received his basic and  
9 advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Nichols was assigned to Fort Polk in  
11 December 2005, and he went on to distinguish himself as a field  
12 artilleryman with the 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th  
13 Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry); and

14 WHEREAS, This brave and loyal soldier was decorated with the  
15 Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Iraq  
16 Campaign Medal; 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 dedicated young man is a  
20 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Nichols embodied  
21 the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and  
22 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist  
2 Jeffrey F. Nichols and extend sincere condolences to his wife,  
3 Kasey; to his son, Sonny; to his mother, Cathy Mears; to his  
4 sisters, Elizabeth Garcia, Kara Nichols, and Rheadene Mears; to  
5 his father, Patrick Kearns; to his grandfather, Harold Dedmon; to  
6 his mother-in-law, Dorothy Casella; to his father-in-law, Dennis  
7 Griggs; to his uncles, Skip, Phil, and Gary Dedmon; to his nephew  
8 and niece, Andrew and Channing Garcia; and to his other loved ones;  
9 and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist  
13 Jeffrey F. Nichols.