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H.R. No. 2515

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Rodney Jerome Johnson of Houston suffered an incalculable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on September 4, 2007, at the age
4 of 20; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned as a cavalry scout to the 1st Squadron, 4th
6 Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry
7 Division based in Fort Riley, Kansas, Specialist Johnson was
8 mortally wounded when insurgents attacked his unit in Baghdad,
9 Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Johnson was the son of Rodney Johnson,
11 Sr., and Charlotte Johnson; he graduated from Hastings High School
12 and joined the army in September 2005, a few months before his
13 wedding to the former Ashley Cavazos; he began serving with the 1st
14 Infantry Division in March 2006 and was deployed to Iraq the
15 following February; and

16 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Specialist Johnson
17 cared deeply about his daughter, Ja'Aliyah Johnson, and wrote
18 moving letters to his beloved wife; he was looking forward to the
19 birth of their second child, Nysiah, with great anticipation; and

20 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
21 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and
22 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to
23 Specialist Johnson for the service he undertook and the sacrifice
24 he rendered; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and
2 his country, Rodney Johnson embodied the highest ideals of the
3 armed services, and his memory will be forever treasured by those
4 who shared in the blessing of his life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Rodney
7 Jerome Johnson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
8 family: to his wife, Ashley Johnson; to his children, Ja'Aliyah and
9 Nysiah; to his father, Rodney J. Johnson, Sr.; to his mother,
10 Charlotte S. Johnson; to his sister, Marci Johnson; to his
11 brothers, Andrew Whitson and Markis Mitchell; and to his other
12 relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
16 Specialist Rodney Jerome Johnson.