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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the loss of U.S. Army Private First Class Christopher Michael  
3 McCloud of Athens, who died on September 14, 2007, at the age of 24;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 6th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry, 3rd  
6 Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Private McCloud was  
7 based at Fort Hood and had also trained at Fort Knox in Tennessee; a  
8 cavalry scout, he was deployed to Iraq in May 2007 and was scheduled  
9 to return home in November; he was mortally wounded when an  
10 improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during  
11 combat operations held northeast of Baghdad; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Athens, Christopher McCloud attended  
13 Cross Roads Elementary and Junior High Schools, and he earned a high  
14 school diploma in 2001; while he had always aspired to join the  
15 military, he made the final decision to do so after the events of  
16 September 11, 2001, and he never faltered in his sense of duty and  
17 patriotism; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Private McCloud was a caring  
19 husband to his wife, Sheena, whom he met at the United Pentecostal  
20 Church in Athens, and he took great pride in the couple's two sons,  
21 Aidan and Landyn; moreover, he enjoyed a close relationship with  
22 his mother, Sandra, his father, Michael, and his brother, Jason;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's

1 military personnel, and their dedicated efforts and enormous  
2 sacrifices are deserving of the utmost respect and gratitude;  
3 Private McCloud embodied the highest ideals of the United States  
4 armed forces, and although he is deeply missed, memories of him will  
5 forever be treasured by his loved ones and many friends; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Private  
9 First Class Christopher Michael McCloud and extend sincere sympathy  
10 to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
14 Private First Class Christopher Michael McCloud.