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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Corporal
2 Christopher J. West of Arlington suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on February 4, 2008, at the age of
4 26; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment,
6 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, based at Fort
7 Bragg, North Carolina, Corporal West lost his life while bravely
8 serving his country in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, C. J. West graduated from Bowie High School in 2000
10 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in marketing with honors
11 from Texas A&M University; he became the fifth generation of his
12 family to serve in the U.S. Army when he joined the military in
13 2007; highly decorated for his service, he earned the Bronze Star
14 Medal, the Purple Heart, and many other honors; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal West served as a combat medic and a
16 paratrooper; he was beloved for his cheerful attitude that lifted
17 the spirits of all the other members of his platoon; and

18 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
19 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
20 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect
21 and gratitude; through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,
22 C. J. West embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed
23 forces, and memories of his love and friendship will forever be
24 cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal
3 Christopher J. West and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
4 his family: to his parents, John and Hattie West; to his sisters,
5 Lauren West and Cameron West Wade and her husband, Justin; to his
6 grandmother, Betty West; to his grandfather Lt. Col. (ret.) Kenneth
7 Lee West and his wife, Earlene; to his niece, Charlie Anne Wade; to
8 his godmother, Magi Louise Brettler; and to his other relatives and
9 many friends; 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 Corporal
13 Christopher J. West.