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H.R. No. 2577

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Corporal Brandon Will Smitherman of Conroe  
2 was killed on October 31, 2007, while bravely serving in Iraq, and  
3 he leaves behind a loving family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment,  
5 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Corporal Smitherman  
6 was killed in Mosul when an improvised explosive device detonated  
7 near his vehicle; among the honors he received were the Purple  
8 Heart, the Bronze Star, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, Brandon Smitherman was a 2004 graduate of Montgomery  
10 High School, where he played defensive end on the Bears football  
11 team; a respectful and hardworking young man, he was admired for his  
12 willingness to help others, his strength of character, and his  
13 everpresent smile; known as "Smitty" to his fellow soldiers, he  
14 served as his unit commander's driver; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,  
16 Brandon Will Smitherman embodied the highest ideals of the U.S.  
17 armed forces, and the loved ones of this fine young man will forever  
18 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal  
21 Brandon Will Smitherman and extend deepest sympathy to his mother,  
22 Teresa Smitherman; to his father, Harvey Smitherman; to his sister,  
23 Adrienne Smitherman; to his grandmother, Rita Crosby; to his niece,  
24 Mernalyn Mae; and his to other relatives and friends; and, be it

1 further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
5 Corporal Brandon Will Smitherman.