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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist
2 Braden Joseph Long of Sherman suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant young man in Iraq on August 4, 2007, at the
4 age of 19; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment,
6 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, out of
7 Fort Riley, Kansas, Specialist Long was killed while bravely
8 serving his country during combat operations in Baghdad; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Long joined the Army in 2004 and received
10 his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; he was deployed to Iraq
11 in February 2007 as a gunner; his decorations and commendations
12 included the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation
13 Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Iraq
14 Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Braden Long was born
16 on August 7, 1987, in Grand Prairie, and graduated from Sherman High
17 School in 2005; a likeable young man with an ever-present smile and
18 a fondness for cars, he was also known for his devotion to his wife,
19 Teresa, and for his unwavering dedication to duty and honor; and

20 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
21 women whose love of country leads them to military service, and the
22 passage of time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans
23 owe to Braden Long for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he
24 rendered; 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 Specialist
3 Braden Joseph Long and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
4 family: to his wife, Teresa; to his parents, Melanie Thrasher and
5 William "Bill" Long III; to his brother, William Long IV; to his
6 sister, Michaela Thrasher; to his grandparents, William Long, Jr.,
7 William Euans, Susan Long, and Shirley Dickinson; to his
8 great-grandfather, William G. Long, Sr.; and to his other relatives
9 and 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 Braden
13 Long.