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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of United States Army Staff
2 Sergeant Eric Thomas Duckworth sustained a heavy loss with the
3 death of this courageous soldier in Iraq on October 10, 2007, at the
4 age of 26; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 759th Military Police Battalion,
6 89th Military Police Brigade, and based at Fort Carson, Colorado,
7 Sergeant Duckworth deployed to Iraq in August 2006 for a 15-month
8 tour of duty, during which he worked to train Iraqi police; he was
9 mortally wounded while leading a convoy in the city of Baghdad; and

10 WHEREAS, Eric Duckworth was born in Dallas on October 30,
11 1980, and grew up in Plano, where he played youth baseball and
12 football; he attended Plano East High School during his senior year
13 and graduated from Clear Lake High School in Houston in 1999; from
14 the time he was a boy, Sergeant Duckworth aspired to serve in both
15 the military and in law enforcement, and he got an early start on
16 his career path in high school as a stellar member of the Army
17 JROTC; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Duckworth enlisted in the armed forces at
19 the age of 18 and served initially in the infantry; during his eight
20 years in the military, he excelled at his work and won the deep
21 respect of his commanding officers and comrades for his consummate
22 professionalism, his even temperament and composure under stress,
23 and his unfailing readiness to lend a helping hand; admired for his
24 outstanding qualities as a soldier, he was no less treasured for the

1 warmth of his heart, his gift for friendship, and his cheerful,
2 infectious smile; and

3 WHEREAS, A passionate sports fan, Sergeant Duckworth was a
4 keen NASCAR enthusiast and yielded to no one in his devotion to the
5 Dallas Cowboys; and

6 WHEREAS, Above all, Eric Duckworth loved his wife, Sonya, his
7 stepdaughter, Kaylynn, and his children, Madison and Michael; and

8 WHEREAS, In his dedication to duty, honor, and this country,
9 Sergeant Eric Duckworth exemplified the highest ideals of the
10 United States armed forces, and those who were blessed to share in
11 the richness of his life will forever carry him close in their
12 hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant Eric
15 Thomas Duckworth and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
16 family: to his wife, Sonya Lynn Duckworth; to his children, Kaylynn
17 Cox and Madison and Michael Duckworth; to his mother, Ila
18 Duckworth; to his father and stepmother, Michael and Barbara
19 Duckworth; to his brother, Andrew Duckworth; and to his other
20 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
24 Staff Sergeant Eric Thomas Duckworth.