

By: Hilderbran

H.R. No. 2643

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot fully express the sorrow felt at the
2 loss of U.S. Army Sergeant Mark A. Stone of Buchanan Dam, who died
3 on April 28, 2008, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone was a motor transport operator
5 assigned to F Company, 94th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade
6 Combat Team, based at Fort Polk, Louisiana; he was mortally injured
7 while bravely serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, The son of Donald Stone and the late Bonnie Stone,
9 Mark Stone graduated from Kingsland Christian Academy; following in
10 his father's footsteps, he enlisted in the army and completed a
11 yearlong tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2006; he was deployed to
12 Iraq in November of the following year, and the heroism he
13 demonstrated in battle earned him numerous decorations, including
14 the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone was a quiet, thoughtful, and
16 determined young man who performed his military duties with
17 enthusiasm, exceeding standards and positively influencing his
18 fellow soldiers; he was greatly admired for his strength of
19 character and integrity, as well as for his kind, helpful nature;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, When he was on leave, Sergeant Stone attended all
22 three weekly services at Calvary Hill Church in Kingsland, where he
23 was a valued member; he helped take care of the children on church
24 field trips and expressed a desire to one day serve as a military

1 chaplain; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
3 and this nation, Mark Stone embodied the highest ideals of the armed
4 services, and memories of his love and friendship will forever be
5 cherished by all those who were privileged to know him; 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 Sergeant
9 Mark A. Stone and extend deep sympathy to the members of his family:
10 to his father, Donald Stone; to his brother, Jason Stone; and to his
11 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
15 Sergeant Mark A. Stone.