

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Corporal Thomas
2 Layton Hilbert of Venus suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant soldier on September 7, 2007, at the age of
4 20; and

5 WHEREAS, A cavalry scout assigned to the 1st Squadron, 9th
6 Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division,
7 stationed at Fort Bliss, Corporal Hilbert was mortally injured
8 during combat operations in Mosul, Iraq; a specialist at the time of
9 his death, he was posthumously promoted to corporal and awarded a
10 Purple Heart and a Bronze Star; and

11 WHEREAS, Born on January 14, 1987, Thomas Hilbert served his
12 community as a firefighter with the Venus Volunteer Fire
13 Department; he graduated in 2005 from Venus High School and
14 subsequently enlisted in the army; an enthusiastic and endearing
15 young man, he was devoted to his family, friends, and fellow
16 soldiers; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Hilbert was the recipient of several
18 decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Army
19 Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Iraq Campaign
20 Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
22 women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and time
23 can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to Thomas
24 Hilbert for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he rendered;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Through his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and
3 his country, Corporal Hilbert embodied the highest ideals of the
4 U.S. armed forces, and his memory will be forever treasured by those
5 who shared in the blessing of his life; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Thomas
8 Layton Hilbert and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his parents, Thomas and Theresa Hilbert; to his sisters,
10 BillieJo Alexander and her husband, Alex, and Jennifer Jones; to
11 his grandparents, Layton and Janet James; to his nieces, Lauren and
12 Kaitlin Alexander; to his nephews, Jacob Jones and William
13 Alexander; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Corporal
18 Thomas Hilbert.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
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Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
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Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
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Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
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Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
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Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
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Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2663

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2663 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House