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H.R. No. 2663

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.