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H.R. No. 2877

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Specialist Roy D. Donaldson, Jr., has rendered
2 valiant service to this state and nation as a member of the Texas
3 Army National Guard; and

4 WHEREAS, With the encouragement of his father, retired Chief
5 Warrant Officer 2 Roy Donaldson, this patriotic young man enlisted
6 in the national guard in 2004, while he was still attending Bastrop
7 High School; he received his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma,
8 during the summer between his junior and senior years; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating in 2006, Specialist Donaldson
10 trained as an aviation mechanic at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and from
11 October 2007 to February 2008, he received advanced individual
12 training as a crew chief, also at Fort Eustis; and

13 WHEREAS, Mobilized in March 2008 as a door gunner for Bravo
14 Company, 2-149 General Support Aviation Battalion, Specialist
15 Donaldson was deployed to Iraq in June 2008, where his company flies
16 and maintains heavy-lift Chinook helicopters out of Joint Base
17 Balad; and

18 WHEREAS, Seven soldiers of Bravo Company were lost in
19 September 2008 when their helicopter went down, and Specialist
20 Donaldson honors their memory and their sacrifice with his
21 continuing dedication to the mission and his determination to
22 become a Chinook pilot himself; and

23 WHEREAS, This brave young man enjoys the love and support of
24 his parents, retired Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roy D. Donaldson and

1 Ramona Donaldson, his grandparents, Hilbert and Judy Navarro and
2 James and Ardith Donaldson, his brother, Tomas Donaldson, his
3 sister, Mariah Donaldson, and his niece and nephew, Lyrica and
4 Dylan Donaldson; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his dedication to duty, honor, and this
6 country, Roy Donaldson, Jr., embodies the highest ideals of the
7 U.S. armed forces, and he has earned the lasting respect and
8 appreciation of every American; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Texas Army National Guard Specialist Roy
11 D. Donaldson, Jr., for his steadfast service in Iraq and extend to
12 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Specialist Donaldson as an expression of high regard
15 by the Texas House of Representatives.