

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Sergeant Shaun Paul Tousha of Hull, who  
3 died in Iraq on April 9, 2008, at the age of 30; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored  
5 Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood, Sergeant  
6 Tousha was killed in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device  
7 detonated near his vehicle; at the time, he was serving his third  
8 tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

9           WHEREAS, Born on February 11, 1978, in Silsbee, Shaun Tousha  
10 grew up in Hull, the son of Tommy Gene and Roberta Tousha; his  
11 mother passed away while he was in junior high, and his stepmother,  
12 Doris Tousha, later helped raise him; he graduated in 1996 from  
13 Hull-Daisetta High School, where he played football and was known  
14 for his playful sense of humor and friendly nature; a true Texas  
15 cowboy, he enjoyed riding horses and bulls and going country and  
16 western dancing; and

17           WHEREAS, Sergeant Tousha worked for a wire company in Dayton  
18 before joining the army in 2000; he attended basic training in Fort  
19 Benning, Georgia, and subsequently served as a generator equipment  
20 repairman; during his first deployment to Iraq, he decided to  
21 reenlist and pursue a career in the military; and

22           WHEREAS, He was the caring husband of Christy Tousha and a  
23 role model to his stepchildren, Colton and Maycee; following the  
24 death of his father in 2002, he served as a source of strength and

1 reassurance for his stepmother; and

2           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
3 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military  
4 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering  
5 reminder of the cost of war; Sergeant Shaun Tousha embodied the  
6 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and  
7 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant  
11 Shaun Paul Tousha and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
12 family: to his wife, Christy Tousha; to his brother, Tommy; to his  
13 stepchildren, Colton and Maycee Burns; to his stepmother, Doris  
14 Tousha; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
15 further

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

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H.R. No. 3068

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3068 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House