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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.