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H.C.R. No. 18

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of United States Army
2 Sergeant Joshua David Powell of Quitman suffered an immeasurable
3 loss with the death of this valiant soldier on June 4, 2011, at the
4 age of 28; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 164th Military Police Company, 793rd
6 Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, based
7 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska, Sergeant Powell was
8 mortally wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated near
9 his military vehicle as he was supporting Operation Enduring
10 Freedom in Laghman Province, Afghanistan; and

11 WHEREAS, Joshua Powell was born in Tyler on September 9,
12 1982, to Gerald Ray and Brenda Powell; he grew up in Wood County and
13 graduated from Quitman High School in 2001; a well-regarded
14 student, he enjoyed hunting and fishing in his free time; and

15 WHEREAS, While still a teenager, Mr. Powell began planning to
16 serve his country; during his eight-year career in the military, he
17 served in Kosovo, Iraq, and Pakistan, as well as Afghanistan; his
18 decorations included two Purple Hearts, and he was a lifetime
19 member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

20 WHEREAS, Joshua Powell exemplified the highest ideals of the
21 U.S. armed forces; although his passing leaves a void in the lives
22 of those who were fortunate enough to know him, they will forever
23 carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas,
2 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant
3 Joshua David Powell and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
4 his family: to his wife, Marina Powell; to his parents, Gerald Ray
5 and Brenda Powell; to his brother, Jeremy Powell, and his wife,
6 Brittany; to his grandmother, Alice Maud Petty; and to his other
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
11 Sergeant Joshua David Powell.