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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant
2 Michael C. Murphrey of Snyder suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 his death on September 6, 2009, at the age of 25; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 501st
5 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry
6 Division, out of Fort Richardson, Alaska, Staff Sergeant Murphrey
7 was mortally wounded while bravely serving his country in Paktika
8 Province, Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Murphrey was born in Dallas on May 19, 1984,
10 and attended elementary school in Clyde before moving to Snyder,
11 where his skill on the high school track and football teams
12 attracted the attention of university scouts; and

13 WHEREAS, Greatly affected by the September 11 attacks on
14 America, he became determined to enlist; an enjoyable skydiving
15 experience on his 17th birthday made him consider becoming a
16 paratrooper, and he joined the army soon after graduating from
17 Snyder High School in 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, Before his deployment to Afghanistan, Staff
19 Sergeant Murphrey served two tours of duty in Iraq; soldiers who
20 served with him overseas recall many instances of his selfless
21 loyalty to the men in his charge; and

22 WHEREAS, This courageous soldier was known for his athletic
23 abilities, his brilliant smile, and his devotion to the Texas
24 Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys; in addition, he loved outdoor

1 activities such as hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles, and he
2 had been teaching himself to play the guitar; and

3 WHEREAS, Among the awards conferred on Staff Sergeant
4 Murphrey were the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; a scholarship has
5 been created at Clyde High School in his name, in recognition of his
6 tremendous sacrifice; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Murphrey married Ashley Martin of Georgia
8 on April 22, 2005, and they were the proud parents of two children,
9 Jaden and Cameron; and

10 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
11 forces, Michael Murphrey inspired others through his outstanding
12 leadership and fortitude, and although he is deeply missed, those
13 who loved him will forever carry his memory close in their hearts;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant
17 Michael C. Murphrey and extend sincere condolences to the members
18 of his family: to his wife, Ashley Martin Murphrey; to his children,
19 Jaden and Cameron Murphrey; to his parents, Elvie and Evelyn
20 Murphrey; to his grandmother, Lillie Littlejohn; to his sisters,
21 Jeanie Rutherford and her husband, Adam, Wendy Stehouwer and her
22 husband, Ryan, Pearl McKay and her husband, B. J., and Krisa
23 Johnson and her husband, Rocky; to his nieces and nephews; and to
24 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Staff

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1 Sergeant Michael C. Murphrey.