

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 197

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of United States Army Private  
2 First Class Austin Garrett Staggs suffered an immeasurable loss  
3 with the death of this valiant soldier on November 29, 2010, at the  
4 age of 19; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment,  
6 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Private Staggs  
7 lost his life while bravely serving in Afghanistan; and

8           WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth to Kaye Jordan and Byram Staggs,  
9 Austin Staggs came of age in Weatherford, graduating from North  
10 Hills Private School in nearby Millsap; in his youth, he was active  
11 in the Boy Scouts and Young Marines, and he subsequently fulfilled a  
12 desire to serve his country when he joined the U.S. Army; and

13           WHEREAS, Private Staggs was a beloved husband to Sheena  
14 Staggs and father to his son, Kallen; an avid outdoorsman, he  
15 enjoyed hunting, fishing, and horses, as well as music and games;  
16 after his military service, he hoped to return to Texas and pursue a  
17 career in police work; and

18           WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's  
19 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous  
20 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect  
21 and gratitude, and although the passing of Austin Staggs has left a  
22 void in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him,  
23 they will forever carry his memory close in their hearts; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Private  
3 First Class Austin Garrett Staggs and extend deepest sympathy to  
4 the members of his family: to his wife, Sheena Staggs; to his son,  
5 Kallen Garrett O'Neal; to his mother and stepfather, Kaye and Judd  
6 Jordan; to his father, Byram Staggs; to his half-siblings, Emily,  
7 B. J., and Sarah Staggs; to his stepbrothers, Judson and Jacob  
8 Jordan; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Private  
13 First Class Austin Garrett Staggs.