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H.R. No. 199

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the shock and deep
2 sorrow felt by the people of Texas and the entire nation at the news
3 of the tragic events at Fort Hood on November 5, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Among the 13 individuals whose lives were
5 senselessly lost on that day was Michael Grant Cahill of Cameron;
6 with an exemplary record of duty in support of this nation's
7 soldiers, Mr. Cahill served for 23 years with the Army National
8 Guard and dedicated his life to healing others as a physician
9 assistant; and

10 WHEREAS, After assisting rural health care programs and
11 teaching as an adjunct professor at Baylor University, Mr. Cahill
12 joined the staff at Fort Hood in 2002; he was passionate about his
13 work, driving more than 100 miles round-trip each day to treat
14 patients at the Soldier Readiness Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Cahill was also a devoted family man who
16 cherished his wife, Joleen, his three children, Keely, Kerry, and
17 James, and his young grandson; an avid reader as well, he possessed
18 a love of learning, and his breadth of knowledge was known and
19 admired by many; and

20 WHEREAS, Although time cannot assuage the heartbreak of a
21 remarkable life cut short, neither can it diminish the brilliance
22 of that life, and memories of Michael Cahill will forever shine
23 brightly for all those fortunate enough to have known him; 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 Michael Grant Cahill
3 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
4 wife, Joleen Cahill; to his children, Keely Vanacker, Kerry Cahill,
5 and James Cahill; to his grandson; and to his other relatives and
6 friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael
10 Grant Cahill.