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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the loss of U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Jeremy D. Smith of Arlington,  
3 who died in Afghanistan on April 6, 2011, at the age of 26; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment,  
5 4th Marine Division, Staff Sergeant Smith was killed while bravely  
6 serving his country in Helmand Province; and

7 WHEREAS, Born on March 9, 1985, to Jerry and Sandra Smith,  
8 Jeremy Smith grew up in Arlington, where he was a member of the  
9 football team at Martin High School; after graduating in 2003, he  
10 joined the Marine Corps, later extending his enlistment to complete  
11 his third tour of duty in Iraq; his plans for the future included  
12 training fellow Marines as a member of the Texas Marine Reserves;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Smith was recognized for his skill  
15 and dedication to duty, earning two Navy Achievement Medals, the  
16 Purple Heart, and the Combat Action Ribbon; in all of his endeavors,  
17 he was blessed with the support of his wife, Rachel, whom he married  
18 on May 2, 2009, at a ceremony held at the home of his mother; and

19 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
20 women whose loyalty inspires them to serve our country, yet the  
21 tragic death of this brave man is a sobering reminder of the cost of  
22 war; Staff Sergeant Jeremy Smith embodied the highest ideals of the  
23 U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and loved him will forever  
24 carry him close in their hearts; now, 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. Marine Staff  
3 Sergeant Jeremy D. Smith and extend deepest sympathy to the members  
4 of his family: to his wife, Rachel Whipp Smith; to his mother,  
5 Sandra Smith; to his father, Jerry Smith; to his sister, Shayda  
6 Heath, and her husband, Nathan; to his brother, Tyler Smith; to his  
7 niece, Lilly; to his nephew, Greyson; to his grandmothers,  
8 Elizabeth Smith and Vereana Allen; and to his other relatives and  
9 many friends; and, be it 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 U.S. Marine  
13 Staff Sergeant Jeremy D. Smith.