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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Each Memorial Day, we join in remembering the  
2 sacrifices of the men and women who valiantly gave their lives in  
3 defense of our nation, and one such individual, U.S. Army Staff  
4 Sergeant Bryan Burgess, is among those to whom we owe a debt that  
5 can never be repaid; and

6           WHEREAS, A native of Cleburne, Bryan Burgess was born on  
7 April 23, 1981, and was a member of Granbury Street Church of  
8 Christ; he played on the soccer, baseball, football, and track  
9 teams and belonged to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes while a  
10 student at Cleburne High School; following his graduation in 1999,  
11 he went on to study at Hill College, and he was a member of the Texas  
12 State Guard; and

13           WHEREAS, Determined to serve his country, this courageous  
14 young man began his military career in March 2003; over the course  
15 of his eight years in uniform, he distinguished himself during two  
16 tours of duty in Iraq; at the time of his death, he was completing  
17 his first assignment in Afghanistan as a member of the 2nd  
18 Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st  
19 Airborne Division (Air Assault); he was killed in combat in Kunar  
20 Province on March 28, 2011; and

21           WHEREAS, The exemplary actions of Sergeant Burgess were  
22 recognized with numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star  
23 Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak  
24 leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf

1 cluster, and the Army Good Conduct Medal with double-knotted rope  
2 clasp; and

3 WHEREAS, This caring husband and father was married to  
4 Tiffany Burgess and took great pride in his two children, Makya and  
5 Zander; in his leisure time, he enjoyed playing golf, riding  
6 motorcycles, and listening to the Beatles, and he took special  
7 delight in eating at his favorite restaurant, Whataburger; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his unfailing devotion to duty, honor, and  
9 this country, Sergeant Bryan Burgess upheld the highest ideals of  
10 the United States Army, and those who were blessed to share in the  
11 richness of his life will forever carry him close in their hearts;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army Staff  
15 Sergeant Bryan Burgess and extend sincere condolences to the  
16 members of his family: to his wife, Tiffany Burgess; to his  
17 children, Makya and Zander Burgess; to his mother and stepfather,  
18 Linda and Randy Pearce; to his father and stepmother, Randy and  
19 Elisabeth Burgess; to his sister, Brandi Burgess; to his  
20 grandparents, Joy and Jimmy Medley, Doris and Chal Burgess, and  
21 George Pearce; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
22 further

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