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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Private First
2 Class Devon Jemail Harris of Mesquite suffered an immeasurable loss
3 with the death of this valiant soldier on November 27, 2010, at the
4 age of 24; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the Brigade Special Troops Battalion,
6 10th Mountain Division, Private Harris was killed while serving his
7 country in Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Born on July 3, 1986, to Sorainya and Tennyson
9 Harris, Devon Harris graduated from Skyline High School in 2004 and
10 went on to attend Southwest Christian College; he was an active
11 member of the Southern Hills Church of Christ and enjoyed playing
12 the violin; he hoped to one day become a history teacher; and

13 WHEREAS, Private Harris joined the army in August 2009, and
14 his skill and dedication to duty earned him many honors, including
15 the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism
16 Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

17 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
18 women whose love of country inspires them to serve, yet the tragic
19 death of this brave man is a sobering reminder of the cost of war;
20 Private Devon Jemail Harris embodied the highest ideals of the U.S.
21 armed forces, and those who knew him and loved him will forever
22 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Private

1 First Class Devon Jemail Harris and extend deepest sympathy to the
2 members of his family: to his mother, Sorainya Harris; to his father
3 and stepmother, Tennyson and Felicia Harris; to his brothers, David
4 Parker and Christopher Johnson; to his sisters, Ashley Harris,
5 Tiffany Dotson, and Monica Harris Smith; to his stepbrother,
6 Michael Rufus; to his stepsister, Stephanie Rufus; to his
7 grandmother, Lula Smith Johnson; and to his other relatives and
8 many friends; and, be it further

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