SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 431

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Staff Sergeant Matthew Cooper, who is serving his country with honor in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Matthew Cooper served two tours of duty in Iraq; he was attached to the 25th Infantry Division, 4th Airborne Brigade, at Fort Richardson, Alaska; he is currently stationed in Garland, where he is a recruiter; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cooper is a fine example of the patriotic Americans who have made personal sacrifices to serve in far-off places, away from their families and friends and the comforts of home, to protect and defend this country's ideals and its commitment to its goals; and

WHEREAS, He has demonstrated exceptional courage and resolve during his military missions; this state and our country owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for his patriotism and his service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Matthew Cooper for his loyal service to his country in the United States Army and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Sergeant Cooper as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate