SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 451

In Memory of Chauncy Ryan Mays

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Staff Sergeant Chauncy Ryan Mays, who died February 28, 2011, at the age of 25, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Chauncy Mays was born December 7, 1985; he was a 2004 graduate of Chapel Hill High School in Titus County; a member of the 705th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana, he was serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion, 20th Support Command, based at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mays was a young man with a good heart and deep convictions whose unwavering resolve and selfless service embodied the highest ideals of the armed services; and

WHEREAS, He was serving in a foreign country during a time of extreme danger when he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country; his service, his loyalty, and his sacrifice will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Chauncy Mays was a devoted husband, father, and son, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his many friends, and all who were privileged to know this exemplary patriot; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant

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Chauncy Ryan Mays and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Kathryn; his daughters, Chesnee and Kiley; his father, Tommy Pierce Mays; and his mother, Allyson Dawn Rodgers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chauncy Ryan Mays.

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate