SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 660

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Matthew Keil for his exemplary service to the nation as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Keil enlisted in the United States Army immediately following his high school graduation in 2000, joining the long tradition of those who have bravely and selflessly served their country and its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, While serving as infantry squad leader during his second tour of duty in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Keil was struck by sniper fire, resulting in severe damage to his spinal cord; over the course of his seven-year military career, he earned numerous medals and commendations, including two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts; and

WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men and women whose love of country compels them to take up military service, and it is truly fitting that Matthew Keil be recognized for his service and sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Matthew Keil on his courage and devotion to duty as a member of the United States Army and extend to him best wishes for success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of gratitude and esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate