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H.C.R. No. 91

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant  
2 Chauncy Ryan Mays of Cookville suffered an immeasurable loss with  
3 the death of this valiant soldier on February 28, 2011, at the age  
4 of 25; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Sulphur Springs, Chauncy Mays was born  
6 on December 7, 1985; he graduated from Chapel Hill High School in  
7 Mount Pleasant in 2004 and, inspired by his meeting with an  
8 explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) specialist, went on to join the  
9 U.S. Army; following boot camp, he pursued rigorous training that  
10 qualified him to become an EOD specialist, a position that requires  
11 exceptional focus, composure, and analytical ability; and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mays served multiple tours in Iraq,  
13 helping to create a safe passage for infantry on patrol; later  
14 deployed to Afghanistan as a team leader with the 705th EOD Unit, he  
15 was killed while working to disarm an improvised explosive device;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, During his years in combat, this courageous soldier  
18 collected hundreds of IEDs so that EOD students might benefit from  
19 their study, and today, his efforts continue to save lives in  
20 combat; deservedly honored for his distinguished military service,  
21 he was awarded the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters and the  
22 Purple Heart; and

23 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mays was supported in all of his  
24 endeavors by a loving family; the son of Alyson Rodgers and Tommy

1 and Tammy Mays, he was devoted to his wife, Katherine, and his  
2 daughters, Chesnee and Kiley; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,  
4 Chauncy Mays embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed  
5 forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that the  
6 passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Chauncy  
9 Ryan Mays and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:  
10 to his wife, Katherine Mays; to his daughters, Chesnee and Kiley  
11 Mays; to his mother, Alyson Rodgers; to his father and stepmother,  
12 Tommy and Tammy Mays; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
17 U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Chauncy Ryan Mays.