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H.C.R. No. 136

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Sergeant Robert John Billings of Amarillo, who died
3 while bravely serving his country on October 13, 2012, at the age of
4 30; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry
6 Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division,
7 Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, Sergeant Billings lost his
8 life in Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to this
10 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, who make immeasurable
11 sacrifices for their country and who risk their very lives in its
12 behalf; and

13 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
14 forces, Robert John Billings inspired others with his fortitude,
15 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives
16 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
17 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Robert John Billings and
20 extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of

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1 U.S. Army Sergeant Robert John Billings.