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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
- 2 of U.S. Army Sergeant John P. Castro of Andrews, who died while
- 3 bravely serving his country on April 22, 2011, at the age of 25; and
- WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
- 5 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort
- 6 Campbell, Kentucky, Sergeant Castro lost his life in Paktika
- 7 Province, Afghanistan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to this
- 9 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, who make immeasurable
- 10 sacrifices for their country and who risk their very lives in its
- 11 behalf; and
- WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
- 13 forces, John P. Castro inspired others with his fortitude,
- 14 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives
- 15 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
- 16 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
- 18 hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant John P. Castro and extend
- 19 sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it
- 20 further
- 21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
- 24 U.S. Army Sergeant John P. Castro.