HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss 2 of U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Riley G. Stephens of Tolar, who 3 died while bravely serving his country on September 28, 2012, at the 4 age of 39; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces 6 Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Sergeant First Class 7 Stephens lost his life in Wardak 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 forces, Riley G. Stephens inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic 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 First Class Riley 19 G. Stephens and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his 20 passing; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 3 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of 4 U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Riley G. Stephens.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 176 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 16, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 176 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 21, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor