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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

12 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
13 forces, Riley G. Stephens 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 First Class Riley
19 G. Stephens and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his
20 passing; and, be it 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 First Class Riley G. Stephens.