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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2 3rd Class Clayton R. Beauchamp of Weatherford suffered an 3 immeasurable loss with his death on August 7, 2012, at the age of 4 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beauchamp was assigned to the 1st 6 Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Forward), I Marine 7 Expeditionary Force (Forward) out of Camp Pendleton; he was killed 8 while serving as a medical corpsman in the Shaban district of 9 Helmand Province in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Ross Beauchamp was born in Weatherford on January 16, 1991, to Jack and Diana Tomlin Beauchamp; a member of a family with a proud history of military service, he committed to joining the navy on his 17th birthday in 2008 and began his enlistment after graduating from Weatherford High School the following year; his older brother Christopher and his younger sister, Cheyenne, are also members of the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, In the course of his tenure, Petty Officer Beauchamp earned a Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Navy Good Conduct Medal, and he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart; and

21 WHEREAS, This valiant Texan was known for his courtesy and 22 kindness, as well as for his ready grin and quick wit; he was 23 engaged to be married and planned to one day become a paramedic 24 following his return to civilian life; and

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1 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's men 2 and women in uniform, whose courageous sacrifices are deserving of 3 their fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude; through his 4 unwavering dedication to duty and honor, Clayton Beauchamp embodied 5 the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and memories 6 of him will forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; 7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Petty Officer 3rd 9 10 Class Clayton R. Beauchamp and extend sincere sympathies to the members of his family: to his parents, Jack and Diana Beauchamp; to 11 12 his sister, Cheyenne Beauchamp; to his brothers, Brian Beauchamp, Christopher Beauchamp, and Timothy Kisor; to his grandmother, 13 14 Brenda Atchison; to his aunts and uncles, James and Susan Brook and 15 Danny and Debbie Hood; to his fiancee, Ashlin Judd; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further 16

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clayton 20 Beauchamp.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 564 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 7, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House