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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Brandon Joseph Prescott of Bend,
3 Oregon, who died in Afghanistan on May 4, 2013, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st
5 Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss,
6 Specialist Prescott was one of five soldiers killed when their
7 vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Maiwand,
8 Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Brandon Prescott was born in West Covina,
10 California, on July 18, 1988, to Tracey Prescott and Joseph
11 Prescott; he grew up in Dana Point, California, where he graduated
12 from Dana Hills High School in 2006; two years later, he moved with
13 his family to Bend, where he studied at Central Oregon Community
14 College, volunteered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
15 and took part in a firefighting academy; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2010, Specialist Prescott enlisted in the army
17 and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia; his first assignment was to
18 Fort Bliss, where he was selected as assistant team leader for his
19 unit of the Reconnaissance Platoon and deployed to Afghanistan in
20 support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, Specialist Prescott's commendations include the
22 Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal
23 with Valor device, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on
24 Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the

1 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a campaign star, the NATO Medal,
2 and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

3 WHEREAS, Although the tragic death of this brave young man is
4 a sobering reminder of the cost of war, Brandon Prescott embodied
5 the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and
6 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
10 Brandon Joseph Prescott and extend sincere condolences to the
11 members of his family: to his mother, Tracey Prescott; to his
12 father, Joseph Prescott; to his brothers, Aaron, Jake, and Josh
13 Prescott; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brandon
17 Joseph Prescott.