

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 Thomas Paige Murach of Meridian,
3 Idaho, who died in Afghanistan on May 4, 2013, at the age of 22; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Born on May 16, 1990, at Mountain Home Air Force Base
10 in Idaho, Tom Murach graduated with honors from Cole Valley
11 Christian High School in Meridian in 2008; he enlisted in the army
12 in 2010 and, after training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was
13 assigned to Fort Bliss, where he was selected to be the senior
14 sniper for the Reconnaissance Platoon, deploying to Afghanistan in
15 support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, Specialist Murach's commendations include the
17 Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal,
18 the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense
19 Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a campaign star,
20 the NATO Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

21 WHEREAS, Although the tragic death of this brave young man is
22 a sobering reminder of the cost of war, Tom Murach embodied the
23 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and
24 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
4 Thomas Paige Murach and extend sincere condolences to the members
5 of his family: to his mother, Mary; to his brothers, Nick, Will, and
6 Mike; to his father, Chet; and to his other relatives and friends;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom Murach.

N. Gonzalez of El Paso

H.R. No. 2638

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2638 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House