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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Robert
2 John Billings suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this
3 brave young soldier in Afghanistan on October 13, 2012, at the age
4 of 30; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Billings was assigned to the 5th Battalion,
6 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd
7 Infantry Division, out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington;
8 he served a tour of duty in Iraq from September 2009 to August 2010
9 before his deployment to Afghanistan in December 2011; during
10 combat operations in Spin Boldak, Sergeant Billings suffered fatal
11 wounds when his unit was attacked by insurgents using an improvised
12 explosive device; and

13 WHEREAS, The son of Kelly and Hope Billings of Amarillo,
14 Robert Billings was born in Ventura, California, and graduated from
15 Morley Stanwood High School in Deerfield Township, Michigan, where
16 he ran track and played safety on the football team; following in a
17 military tradition established by his grandfather, a Korean War
18 veteran, and his father, who is retired from the U.S. Navy,
19 Sergeant Billings joined the U.S. Army in January 2006 and reported
20 to basic training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia; over
21 the course of his career, he earned numerous awards and citations,
22 including the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Unit
23 Citation, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

24 WHEREAS, A determined and likable young man with a ready

1 smile, Robert Billings was a loving husband to his wife, Christy,
2 and a devoted father to his daughters, Kaili and Naomi, and his
3 sons, Isaiah and Elijah; and

4 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
5 women whose love of country inspires them to serve, yet the tragic
6 death of this brave soldier is a sobering reminder of the cost of
7 freedom; Sergeant Billings exemplified the highest ideals of the
8 U.S. armed forces, and those who knew him will forever carry him
9 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant
12 Robert John Billings and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
13 his family: to his wife, Christy; to his children, Kaili, Naomi,
14 Isaiah, and Elijah; to his parents, Kelly and Hope Billings; to his
15 sisters, Heather Billings and Deleina Wilcox; to his brother, Chad
16 Billings; to his grandparents, Kelly and Elaine Billings and Johnny
17 and Inez Smith; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
22 Sergeant Robert John Billings.