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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 Joshua
2 Michael suffered an immeasurable loss with his death in a tragic
3 accident on November 15, 2012, at the age of 34; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael performed his last act of heroism
5 when he saved the life of his wife by thrusting her out of harm's
6 way, just before the parade float on which they were riding was
7 struck by a locomotive; the parade was part of the Hunt for Heroes
8 event, a program sponsored by Show of Support, which invites
9 injured veterans to West Texas to participate in a white-tailed
10 deer hunt; and

11 WHEREAS, A native of Hereford, Joshua Michael met his wife,
12 Daylyn, while both were students at Amarillo College; the couple
13 subsequently made their home in Amarillo, and Sergeant Michael went
14 to work as a paramedic for Northwest Texas Healthcare System; soon
15 after the attacks of September 11, 2001, however, he followed in his
16 family's long tradition of military and public service and enlisted
17 in the U.S. Army; and

18 WHEREAS, After completing basic training at Fort Benning,
19 Georgia, Sergeant Michael was deployed to Iraq with the 101st
20 Airborne Division (Air Assault); he took part in the initial
21 invasion of the country and served another tour there in 2005-2006;
22 during his second deployment to Iraq, he sustained multiple severe
23 injuries that forced him to retire from active duty; among the
24 military awards conferred on this valiant American were two Purple

1 Hearts and three Army Commendation Medals; and

2 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Sergeant
3 Michael and his family moved to Converse and he sold real estate in
4 the San Antonio area; Joshua Michael was deeply devoted to his wife,
5 his son, Ryan, and his daughter, Maci, and the time that he was able
6 to spend with them meant the world to him; and

7 WHEREAS, In a brief autobiographical sketch that Sergeant
8 Michael prepared for Show of Support, he expressed his gratitude
9 for his nearly 10 years with the army and wrote, "I wouldn't change
10 anything that happened. I am a better man, husband and father
11 because of my service"; yet it is our nation that is better for
12 having had among its citizens a father and husband as selfless,
13 generous, and courageous as Joshua Michael; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant
16 Joshua Michael and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
17 family: to his wife of 15 years, Daylyn Michael; to his children,
18 Ryan and Maci Michael; to his parents, Patrick and Sheryl Michael;
19 to his parents-in-law, Ron and Mary Hefley; and to his other
20 relatives and many friends; 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
24 Sergeant Joshua Michael.