SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 866

In Memory of Adam Huckstep-LaPorte

WHEREAS, The family and friends of United States Army Sergeant Adam Huckstep-LaPorte suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this outstanding young man on February 1, 2012, at the age of 23; and

WHEREAS, The son of Tracy Anne LaPorte and Michael Huckstep, Adam Cody Huckstep-LaPorte grew up in Round Rock, where he attended McNeil High School; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the United States Army in 2008, and he was deployed to Iraq the following year; he was assigned to the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he was preparing to be deployed to Afghanistan as an infantryman and gunner when he was killed in an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, During the course of his military service, Sergeant Huckstep-LaPorte earned the Army Good Conduct Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; his patriotism and service inspired his mother to found the support group Military Moms of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Huckstep-LaPorte was known affectionately as "2Step," a nickname he earned as a boy when his mother was teaching him to dance the Texas two-step; a motorcycle

enthusiast, he was the youngest soldier ever invited to join the Wingmen Motorcycle Club of Long County, Georgia, a fraternal organization of current and former military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Huckstep-LaPorte was devoted to his family, his friends, and his nation, and although his life ended far too soon, he will be forever remembered as an energetic and patriotic young man who gave everything he had to everything he did; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sergeant Adam Cody Huckstep-LaPorte and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his mother, Tracy Anne LaPorte, and his LaPorte; his sisters, Colleen dad, Lorne to Faith Huckstep-LaPorte and Savannah Grace Rhiannon LaPorte; to his brother, Zachary Cash Norman LaPorte; to his father, Michael Huckstep, and his wife, Renee; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Adam Huckstep-LaPorte.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate