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H.C.R. No. 135

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist Kerry
2 Michael George Danyluk suffered an immeasurable loss with the death
3 of this exemplary soldier on April 15, 2014, at the age of 27; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 1, 1986, in British Columbia,
5 Canada, Kerry Danyluk was the son of Diane and Kenneth Danyluk; he
6 moved with his family to Texas when he was eight years old and went
7 on to graduate in 2004 from Yoakum High School, where he played on
8 the varsity baseball team; after attending Victoria College, he
9 returned to British Columbia; and

10 WHEREAS, Fulfilling a lifelong goal, Mr. Danyluk enlisted in
11 the army in October 2010, and he underwent basic training at Fort
12 Benning, Georgia; he received further infantry and airborne
13 training and was ultimately selected for the Ranger Assessment and
14 Selection Program, which he completed with a "Top Shot" award; and

15 WHEREAS, Specialist Danyluk was deployed to Afghanistan as a
16 member of the 75th Ranger Regiment, and following his first tour of
17 duty, he became a scout sniper with the 10th Mountain Division 2-87
18 Scout Unit; while on patrol in Logar Province on April 12, he was
19 critically wounded by enemy forces using small-arms fire; he was
20 flown to Landstuhl, Germany, for treatment and passed away a few
21 days later, surrounded by his loved ones; and

22 WHEREAS, During his brief but distinguished military career,
23 Specialist Danyluk earned the respect of his fellow soldiers, and
24 he was the recipient of many awards and commendations; he was

1 treasured by all who knew him for his quiet strength, his love of
2 adventure, and his wonderful sense of humor; and

3 WHEREAS, Kerry Danyluk brought dedication, perseverance, and
4 courage to his every endeavor, and although his death left a void in
5 the lives of those who held him dear, they will forever find
6 inspiration in their memories of this heroic young man; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist Kerry Michael
10 George Danyluk and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
11 family: to his mother, Diane Danyluk; to his father, Kenneth
12 Danyluk; to his sister, Kristine, and her husband, Richard; to his
13 brother, Steve; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
17 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
18 of Kerry Danyluk.