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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at 2 the loss of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Justin Holt, who died while 3 serving his country on February 6, 2015, at the age of 31; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to Bravo Troop 2-1 CAV Company 4th ID, Staff Sgt. Holt lost his life in a training accident at Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

7 WHEREAS, Justin Holt was born in Paris on September 3, 1983, 8 to Robert and Judy Holt; after graduating from Pittsburg High 9 School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany and 10 Kuwait, in addition to deploying twice to Iraq; he was supported in 11 all of his endeavors by a loving family, and he was the proud father 12 of two children, Kayden and Morgan; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to this 14 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, who make immeasurable 15 sacrifices for their country and who risk their very lives in its 16 behalf; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, Justin Holt inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Justin Holt and extend deepest sympathy to the members of

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his family: to his children, Kayden Cummings and Morgan Holt; to his father, Robert Holt; to his mother, Judy Holt; to his grandmother, Evelyn Davidson; to his sister, Adrian Henry; to his stepsister, Beth Deal; to his brothers, Shannon Sessums and Joshua Holt; to his stepbrother, Joe Holt; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 838 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 12, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House