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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Michael Quinton Calvin, who
3 passed away on January 11, 2015, at the age of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 16, 1977, Michael Calvin was the
5 son of Willie and Elvira Calvin and grew up with the companionship
6 of his brother, Christopher; during his years at Thorndale High
7 School, he was a member of the track and basketball teams and helped
8 the Bulldogs become state champions in football; answering his
9 nation's call to duty, this brave Texan joined the Marine Corps in
10 March 1999, beginning a distinguished military career that spanned
11 more than 15 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Calvin served two tours of duty in Iraq,
13 during which time he impressed his superiors with his exceptional
14 work ethic and his determination to complete every task to the best
15 of his ability; he was assigned as a communications chief for an
16 entire tank company and as a battalion communications platoon
17 sergeant, and his exemplary service earned him the Navy and Marine
18 Corps Commendation Medal along with numerous other service honors;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Sergeant Calvin
21 cherished the time he spent with his wife, Amanda, and his two
22 daughters, Megan and Maysa, and he loved to talk about them during
23 those times when his duties took him away from home; he was a
24 passionate fan of The University of Texas sports teams, and

1 although he left the Lone Star State to settle in Richlands, North
2 Carolina, he seldom missed a chance to root for the Longhorns on
3 game days; and

4 WHEREAS, While his years on this earth were far too few,
5 Michael Calvin nevertheless achieved a life that was rich in
6 family, friends, and meaningful accomplishments, and his valiant
7 service to his fellow citizens and the joy that he shared with
8 others will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Staff Sergeant
11 Michael Quinton Calvin and extend heartfelt condolences to the
12 members of his family: to his wife, Amanda Calvin; to his daughters,
13 Megan and Maysa Calvin; to his parents, Willie and Elvira Calvin; to
14 his brother, Christopher Calvin; and to his other relatives and
15 many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
19 Calvin.