

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 the family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr.
3 of Baytown, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 11,
4 2013, at the age of 26; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery
6 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, based
7 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Specialist Grace lost his life near the
8 Pakistan border in southeast Afghanistan, in support of Operation
9 Enduring Freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, Keith Grace was born on February 18, 1987, in
11 Houston; he overcame a series of challenges in his early years,
12 surviving bone cancer and losing his adoptive mother by the age of
13 12; later in life, he was warmly welcomed into the family of Michael
14 and Mary Lou Davis; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Grace graduated from Robert E. Lee High School
16 in 2006, and in January 2012, he enlisted in the U.S. Army; as part
17 of his training, he completed a class in the Dari language and was
18 certified as a combat lifesaver; his commendations include the
19 National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service and Global War
20 on Terror Ribbons, and he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart
21 and the Bronze Star; and

22 WHEREAS, Admired for his optimism, fortitude, and good humor,
23 as well his bravery and dedication, Keith Grace upheld the highest
24 ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a

1 lasting debt of gratitude; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Keith Erin
4 Grace Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
5 family: to his parents, Mike and Mary Lou Davis; to his birth
6 parents, Cheryl Barnes and Keith Erin Grace Sr.; to his brothers,
7 Garland Davis, Allen Vasquez, Jeff Lee, James Leslie Hardy Jr., and
8 Cody Ray Barnes; to his sisters, Tara Krystal Grace, Stormy
9 Cheyenne Barnes, and Ashley Nichole Hardy; to his nephews, Dawson,
10 Chris, and Landon Brady; and to his other relatives and friends;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Keith Erin
15 Grace Jr.

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H.R. No. 2462

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2462 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House