

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 676

In Memory
of
Dane R. Balcon

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Dane R. Balcon served his country with uncommon valor, and his family, friends, and fellow Americans suffered an immeasurable loss when he died during a mission in Iraq on September 5, 2007, at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 27, 1988, at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, Dane Balcon hailed from a family with a proud tradition of military service, with his father, mother, grandfather, and two great-grandfathers having answered their nation's call to duty in the armed forces; following his graduation from Sand Creek High School, he enlisted in the army in 2007 as a fire support specialist and received his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Balcon's first assignment was to Fort Hood as a member of the 3rd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; he was deployed to Iraq in July 2007 and courageously volunteered for a mission in the city of Balad on the day he lost his life; during his brief but distinguished career, he earned a number of commendations, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, This admired soldier left behind a devoted family that continues to cherish his life and legacy; as a lasting tribute to Specialist Balcon, a bill has been introduced to dedicate a bridge in his name along State Highway 151 in San

Antonio, where his mother, Dr. Carla Sizer, and father, John Balcon, now reside; and

WHEREAS, Although eight years have passed since Specialist Dane Balcon died in action, time will never diminish the sacrifice he made or the spirit of loyalty, bravery, and selflessness he demonstrated throughout his life, and his memory will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay special tribute to the memory of Army Specialist Dane R. Balcon and extend heartfelt sympathy to his surviving family members 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 Specialist Dane Balcon.

Menéndez

Bettencourt	Hall	Rodríguez
Birdwell	Hancock	Schwertner
Burton	Hinojosa	Seliger
Campbell	Huffines	Taylor of Galveston
Creighton	Huffman	Taylor of Collin
Ellis	Kolkhorst	Uresti
Eltife	Lucio	Watson
Estes	Nelson	West
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Garcia	Perry	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate