

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 603

In Memory  
of  
Jonathan J. Golden  
Jordan B. Pierson  
Ryan D. Hammond  
Quinn L. Johnson-Harris

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the lives of Captain Jonathan J. Golden, Captain Jordan B. Pierson, Staff Sergeant Ryan D. Hammond, and Senior Airman Quinn L. Johnson-Harris, who died bravely in the line of duty on October 2, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, These distinguished members of the United States Air Force were deployed to Afghanistan from the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene; they were among six service members and five civilians who lost their lives when their C-130J crashed during initial take-off from Jalalabad Airfield, Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Captain Golden, a 33-year-old resident of Camarillo, California, and Captain Pierson, a 28-year-old resident of Abilene, Texas, both served as pilots; Staff Sergeant Hammond, a 26-year-old resident of Moundsville, West Virginia, and Senior Airman Johnson-Harris, a 21-year-old resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served as loadmasters; each of these outstanding servicemen performed their duties with the utmost diligence and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, The Abilene Chamber of Commerce is working in cooperation with the air force to honor the sacrifices of these exemplary men with a commemorative expansion to the Dyess Memorial Park; the steadfast resolve and patriotism of these

servicemen and their sacrifice on behalf of their country will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby honor the lives of Captain Jonathan J. Golden, Captain Jordan B. Pierson, Staff Sergeant Ryan D. Hammond, and Senior Airman Quinn L. Johnson-Harris and extend sincere condolences to their families and loved ones; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in their honor and as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate