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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. Air Force Captain Mark Kenneth Weber of
3 Bartonville, who died in the line of duty on March 15, 2018, at the
4 age of 29; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 38th Rescue Squadron, 23rd Wing, out
6 of Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, Captain Weber was serving in
7 Anbar Province, Iraq, as a combat rescue officer in support of
8 Operation Inherent Resolve; he and six other airmen lost their
9 lives when their helicopter crashed during the course of a
10 nighttime rescue operation; in recognition of his distinguished
11 military service, he was posthumously awarded the Meritorious
12 Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

13 WHEREAS, Mark Weber was born to Ron and Margaret Weber of
14 Bartonville on July 31, 1988, and he grew up with four sisters,
15 Leah, Kathrine, Lori, and Kristen; he was a star football player at
16 Guyer High School and followed in his father's footsteps by
17 attending the U.S. Air Force Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, Commissioned a second lieutenant after his
19 graduation from the academy in 2011, Captain Weber initially worked
20 as a contracting officer for the air force, but he soon began
21 training as a combat rescue officer, responsible for the planning
22 and execution of search-and-rescue operations for wounded and
23 downed pilots in combat zones; he became skilled at this difficult
24 and dangerous work, and before deploying to Iraq, he took part in

1 rescues in the United States during the hurricane season of 2017;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Serving with honor, courage, and dedication, Mark
4 Weber embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed
5 forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that
6 time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Captain Mark
9 Kenneth Weber and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many
10 friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mark
14 Kenneth Weber.