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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Bernard
2 James Stephan suffered an immeasurable loss when he made the
3 ultimate sacrifice during World War II, at the age of 25; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on May 14, 1919, in Tawas City, Michigan,
5 Bernard Stephan graduated from St. Joseph School in 1937, and he
6 was inducted into the army on June 23, 1941; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephan received his basic training at Camp
8 Roberts, California, and in November 1941, he transferred to Fort
9 Lewis, Washington, where he trained as a radio operator; he then
10 transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia, in August 1943, and a month
11 after the D-Day invasion of Normandy, he shipped out from New York,
12 arriving in England on July 14, 1944; and

13 WHEREAS, Serving in the Third Army under General George
14 S. Patton, Sergeant Stephan contributed to the liberation of
15 Europe, taking part in many battles and earning the respect of his
16 officers and comrades for his devotion to duty; he was killed in
17 action in Luxembourg on January 20, 1945; and

18 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
19 forces, Bernard Stephan inspired others with his fortitude,
20 tenacity, and courage, and his fellow Americans owe him a debt of
21 gratitude that the passage of time will never diminish; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U. S. Army Sergeant

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1 Bernard James Stephan; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives

3 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bernard Stephan.