

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Rocksprings in mourning the loss of United States Army Sergeant William Cody Eckhart, who died April 10, 2004, at the age of 25 while serving his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, William Cody Eckhart was born September 21, 1978, in Hondo; he grew up in Rocksprings and graduated from Rocksprings High School in 1997; he was active in Boy Scouts, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and athletics; he was a member of the 1997 boys Class 1A state cross country championship team; and

WHEREAS, Cody enlisted in the army as a cavalry scout and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; he was transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado, and participated in a rotation to Egypt in Operation Bright Star; he was later sent on peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2004, he was deployed to Iraq and was providing reconnaissance for F Troop, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, when he died in action on behalf of his country's mission; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Eckhart was a first-class soldier who was noted for his expertise and whose accomplishments were many; he earned the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO Medal; he is being

1 posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the
2 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Cody Eckhart was a brave and
4 courageous soldier who risked his life so that others could be free;
5 he was a devoted son and brother and a true American hero, and he
6 leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by those
7 whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
9 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of William Cody
10 Eckhart and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his
11 parents, Ronnie and Terri Eckhart; his sisters, Staci and Erin
12 Eckhart; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Eckhart; his maternal
13 grandparents, William and Roselyn White; and his many aunts,
14 uncles, and cousins; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
16 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
17 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
18 so in memory of William Cody Eckhart.

David Newkumst
President of the Senate

Tom Caddell
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 2 was adopted by the Senate
on May 3, 2004. _____

Latsy Gou
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 2 was adopted by the House
on May 17, 2004. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

7 JUN '04
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Jeffrey S. Connor
Secretary of State
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