

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss  
2 of U.S. Army Private First Class Ira Benjamin Laningham IV of  
3 Zapata, who died in Afghanistan on January 7, 2011, at the age of  
4 22; and

5           WHEREAS, Private Laningham enlisted in the army in November  
6 2009, deploying to Afghanistan in October 2010; he bravely served  
7 his country as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry  
8 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and his  
9 courageous actions earned him the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple  
10 Heart, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

11           WHEREAS, Born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, on  
12 September 1, 1988, Ben Laningham graduated from Zapata High  
13 School, where he was trumpet section leader in the marching band and  
14 lead trumpet for Mariachi Halcon; he enjoyed playing his guitar and  
15 video games and spending time with his family and friends; and

16           WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's  
17 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous  
18 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect  
19 and gratitude; through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,  
20 Ben Laningham embodied the highest ideals of the United States  
21 Army, and memories of his love and friendship will forever be  
22 cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Private First Class Ira

1 Benjamin Laningham IV and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
2 his family: to his parents, Norma and Enrique Cantu; to his  
3 siblings, Private Joseph Cantu, Enrique Cantu, and Amanda Cantu; to  
4 his grandparents, Lauro and Olinda Guerra and Humberto and  
5 Felicitas Cantu; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
6 be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory  
10 of Private Ira Benjamin Laningham IV.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 47 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2011.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 47 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 17, 2011.

Ratsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 1 APR '11

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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