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TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FALLEN TEXANS IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR
(The House of Representatives and Senate in Joint Session)

In accordance with the provisions of HCR 261, providing for a joint memorial session of the house of representatives and senate at 9:30 a.m. today, for the purpose of a tribute to fallen soldiers of the Global War on Terrorism, the Honorable Rick Perry, governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable David Dewhurst, lieutenant governor of the State of Texas, and the honorable senators were announced at the door of the house and were admitted.

The senators occupied seats arranged for them.

Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst called the senate to order and announced a quorum of the senate was present.

The Honorable Tom Craddick, speaker of the house, stated that a quorum of the house was present.

Speaker Craddick stated that the two houses were in joint memorial session pursuant to HCR 261 in honor of all Texans killed during the Global War on Terrorism and welcomed Governor Perry, Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, and members of the senate.

The house and gallery rose for the posting of the colors.

The National Anthem Choir of Castle Hills First Baptist Church sang the national anthem.

Speaker Craddick presented Major Craig Combs, chaplain, who offered the invocation.

Speaker Craddick recognized Representative Berman who led the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Speaker Craddick requested the reading clerk to read HCR 257, honoring Texans who have died while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and all men and women who have served in the United Stated armed forces.

HCR 257

WHEREAS, On this day, the Texas Legislature pauses to honor those whose patriotism has called them to duty in our nation's armed forces, and we also join together in solemn remembrance of those Texans who have been killed while serving in the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Texas servicemen and servicewomen have long distinguished themselves as individuals of remarkable courage, dedication, and determination, and today we are proud to honor all the men and women from our state who have ever left behind their loved ones and the comfort and security of their homes to heed our country's call to arms; and

WHEREAS, During these difficult times, as U.S. forces continue to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism, we are reminded anew of the tenacious resolve of our military personnel and the immeasurable debt that we owe to those who have given their lives in this country's behalf; to date, the United States
Department of Defense has confirmed the deaths of more than 3,300 American men and women who have served in this war, including at least 300 individuals with immediate ties to Texas; and

WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have sons and daughters whose love of country leads them to military service, yet the deaths of these heroic Texans is a sobering reminder that armed conflict is not without great and terrible cost; their deaths represent a tremendous loss to their families and friends, the members of their units, and the State of Texas, and their sacrifice in the service of our nation will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay special tribute to the memory of those Texans who have died while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and honor with gratitude their selfless and steadfast valor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature express its heartfelt appreciation to all the brave men and women who have ever served in the United States armed forces.

The service medley was played.

Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst addressed the joint session and assemblage, as follows:

It's an honor to join you this morning to pay tribute to all of our brave Texas soldiers who've made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. I want all of you, the families who've waited with patience and fear for your loved ones' safe return, and now endure the pain of your loss, to know that the thoughts, prayers, and gratitude of all Texans are with you.

I stand with you today, not just as lieutenant governor, but as the son of a WWII Army Air Corps B-26 bomber pilot, the grandson of two WWI army captains, and a veteran myself. That's why I'm unwavering in my support for our soldiers and their families.

Since 9-11 the strength and courage of America's character has been repeatedly tested on our own shores, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in other countries. In the face of conflict we've stood strong, and stand strong we must.

This war we face has not been easy, but then again, nothing worth defending ever is. We are a nation that believes in the God-given right to freedom for every man, woman, and child on the face of earth. And for these beliefs we pay an enormous price.

Today and every day we have a duty to honor and remember those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The Book of John speaks of this sacrifice. In Chapter 15, Verse 13, we read, "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for a friend." And from the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you. And I can assure you that in Texas we will never forget the sacrifices made by your loved ones and your families. To all the men and women who've proudly worn the American uniform we will never forget your call to duty, your unyielding courage, and your allegiance to this "one nation under God." May
God bless you and may God keep safe our soldiers who are protecting our freedom around the world. May he continue to bless the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And now, I'd like to introduce someone else who truly understands your sacrifice, a veteran who's served our nation in the United States Air Force, my good friend, Governor Rick Perry.

Governor Perry addressed the joint session and assemblage, as follows:

We come to this chamber on many a morning to engage in the democratic process. We come here today to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in protecting it. Today our hearts are heavy not only for the lives lost, but the dreams extinguished, and no one feels more sorrow than the loved ones who have suffered such profound loss. When you waved them off for their last tour of duty, you knew such a day like this might be possible. And I know, as proud as you are today of the one whose life you mourn, you would trade every recognition ceremony in order to have them back to share one more smile and one more "I love you."

That has all been taken away, as has a future that once was bright with possibility. As with previous American wars, so often the ones who die on foreign soil were in the dawn of their lives when they departed this earth. Some too young to have children, some before they ever had a chance to see their children graduate from school or get married to the love of their life. Instead, they surrendered their every dream so children thousands of miles away might one day be free. The war on terror, or more specifically, the terrorists' war on us, reminds us that freedom is not free. In the 20th Century, this lesson was learned by generation after generation that fought in the trenches of Europe, that rolled back the Nazi forces of oppression and the Japanese threat in the Pacific, who fought the communists in Korea and Vietnam, and who drove a dictator out of a small Muslim country in the Persian Gulf. Today, the threat comes from a new kind of enemy, but the cost of defending freedom remains great. These Texans we remember today are the heroes of freedom who responded to the call of their country to make the world safer for democracy. We can in no way measure the depth of their devotion in giving up their every tomorrow for our today. Their sacrifice is beyond any words glorious enough to describe it. And while we would all wish that such ceremonies like this would never be needed, as long as they are, we have a solemn duty as a people to never forget what was offered on the altar of sacrifice so that we might be free. We must never forget who they were, or the heroism of their deeds. Nor must we forget the loved ones they leave behind who will live the rest of their lives with a void that can never be filled.

To each of you here today who mourn for such great loss, we offer not only our gratitude, but our prayers, that the God of comfort might console you. Though their lives were taken, the virtue of their lives and the heroism of their deeds can never be erased. They died as they lived—as heroes. And America will always be indebted to them. Thank you, and God bless you all.
Governor Perry presented flags flown over the Capitol to family members as Representatives Corte and Chavez and Senators Van de Putte and Estes read the names of the following fallen soldiers:

Corporal Andres Aguilar, Jr., Marine; Lance Corporal Anthony Aguirre, Marine; Specialist Nathaniel A. Aguirre, Army; Staff Sergeant George T. Alexander, Jr., Army; Lance Corporal Joshua C. Alonzo, Marine; Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr., Army; Petty Officer 1st Class Howard E. Babcock IV, Navy; Private First Class Paul Balint, Jr., Army; Specialist John Barta, Army; Private First Class Ryan R. Berg, Army; Sergeant First Class Sean B. Berry, Army National Guard; Corporal Ray M. Bevel, Army; Specialist Ryan A. Bishop, Army; Sergeant First Class Russell P. Borea, Army; Specialist Joshua M. Boyd, Army; Specialist Hoby F. Bradfield, Jr., Army; Corporal Anthony Bradshaw, Army; Sergeant Emerson Brand, Army; First Lieutenant Benjamin T. Britt, Army; Sergeant First Class William Brown, Army; Private First Class Travis W. Buford, Army; Specialist Willilam J. Byler, Army; Staff Sergeant Eric Caban, Army; Specialist Rafael A. Carrillo, Army; Lance Corporal Mario A. Castillo, Marine; Lance Corporal Roger D. Castleberry, Jr., Marine Reserve; Specialist Ryan Collins, Army; Private Troy D. Cooper, Army; First Lieutenant Simon T. Cox, Jr., Army; Second Lieutenant Johnny K. Craver, Army; Specialist Ernest W. Dallas, Jr., Army; Corporal Jason B. Daniel, Army; Sergeant Jacob "JJ" Dones, Army; Specialist Dustin R. Donica, Army; Staff Sergeant Terrence D. Dunn, Army; Staff Sergeant Jerry M. Durbin, Jr., Army; Specialist Carl A. Eason, Army; Staff Sergeant Christopher L. Everett, Army; Lance Corporal Jonathan R. Flores, Marine; Staff Sergeant Omar D. Flores, Army; Staff Sergeant Tommy I. Folks, Jr., Army; Specialist Philip C. Ford, Army; First Lieutenant David M. Fraser, Army; Gunnery Sergeant John D. Fry, Marine; Captain James A. Funkhouser, Army; Corporal Jose A. Galvan, Marine; Major Anthony R. Garcia, Army; Sergeant Israel Devora Garcia, Army; Specialist J. Adan Garcia, Army; Corporal Rojelio R. Garza, Jr, Army; Specialist Damian J. Garza, Army; Lance Corporal Phillip C. George, Marine; Major Troy L. Gilbert, Army; Corporal Steven P. Gill, Marine Reserve; Private First Class Nathaniel A. Given, Army; Sergeant Shawn A. Graham, Texas National Guard; Sergeant Ryan P. Green, Army; Specialist Marleo Guerrero, Army; Private First Class Larry I. Guyton, Army; Sergeant Donald J. Hasse, Army; Chief Warrant Officer Miles P. Henderson, Army; Staff Sergeant Bryant A. Herlem, Army; Private First Class Thomas J. Hewett, Army; Sergeant Glenn D. Hicks, Jr., Army; Specialist Dominic J. Hinton, Army; Lieutenant Colonel Daniel E. Holland, Army; Lance Corporal Luke B. Holler, Marine Reserve; Sergeant First Class Robert M. Horrigan, Army; Private First Class Allen Brenton Jaynes, Army; Master Sergeant Ivica Jerak, Army; Sergeant Gary S. Johnston, Marine; Private First Class Roy L. Jones III, Army; Specialist Hatim S. Kathiria, Army; Specialist James C. Kesinger, Army; Private First Class Christopher R. Kilpatrick, Army; Petty Officer Second Class Charles V. Komppa, Navy; Private First Class Cory C. Kosters, Army; Lieutenant Colonel Eric J. Kruger, Army; Private First Class Brian J. Kubik, Army; Staff Sergeant Jose A. Lanzarin, Army; Specialist Aaron P. Latimer, Army; Corporal Michael C. Ledsome, Marine; Staff Sergeant Hector
Leija, Army; Staff Sergeant Michael C. Lloyd, Army; Corporal John M. Longoria, Marine; Captain Sean E. Lyerly, Army National Guard; Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack, Marine; Seaman Apprentice Robert D. Macrums, Navy; Captain Shane R. Mahaffée, Army Reserve; Lance Corporal Robert A. Martinez, Marine; Staff Sergeant Johnnie V. Mason, Army; Lance Corporal Christopher M. McCrackin, Marine; Sergeant Robert M. McDowell, Army; Staff Sergeant Brian McElroy, Army; First Sergeant Ricky L. McGinnis, Army; Sergeant Rhonald E. Meeks, Army; Sergeant William B. Meeuwsen, Army; Private First Class Kristian Menchaca, Army; Major Ramon J. Mendoza, Jr., Marine; Lance Corporal Ryan A. Miller, Marine; Petty Officer 1st Class Gilbert Minjares, Jr., Navy; Staff Sergeant Brian L. Mintzlaff, Army; Specialist Yari Mokri, Army; Sergeant Steve Morin, Texas National Guard; Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Morningstar, Army; Lance Corporal Stephen L. Morris, Marine; Tech Sergeant Walter M. Moss, Jr., Air Force; Sergeant First Class Allen Mosteiro, Army; Sergeant James P. Muldoon, Army; Specialist Mitchel T. Mutz, Army; Specialist Russell H. Nahvi, Army; Staff Sergeant Joe A. Narvaez, Army; Corporal Jacob H. Neal, Marine; First Sergeant Phillip I. Neel, Army; Staff Sergeant Clinton T. Newman, Army; First Lieutenant Gwilym J. Newman, Army; Specialist Dan H. Nguyen, Army; Hospitalman Kyle A. Nolen, Marine; Captain Travis L. Patriquin, Army; Sergeant Roger P. Peña, Jr., Army; Sergeant Johnny J. Peralez, Jr., Army; Second Lieutenant Emily J.T. Perez, Army; Lance Corporal Stephen J. Perez, Marine; Sergeant Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz, Army; Specialist Aaron L Preston, Army; Private First Class Tina M. Priest, Army; Staff Sergeant Kenneth I. Pugh, Army; Lance Corporal Benito A. Ramírez, Marine; Sergeant Reyes Ramírez, Army; Staff Sergeant Edward C. Reynolds, Jr., Army; Staff Sergeant William D. Richardson, Marine; Staff Sergeant Timothy J. Roark, Army; Sergeant Michael T. Robertson, Army; Corporal Benjamin S. Rosales, Marine; Captain Blake H. Russell, Army; Chief Warrant Officer Richard M. Salter, Army; Staff Sergeant Alberto V. Sanchez, Army; Sergeant Paul T. Sanchez, Army; First Lieutenant Ryan T. Sanders, Army; Oscar Saucedo, Jr., Army; Specialist Collin R. Schockmel, Army; Staff Sergeant Michael A. Shank, Army; Private First Class Darrell W. Shipp, Army; Sergeant Jonathan J. Simpson, Marine; Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. Smart II, Army Reserve; Sergeant Aaron A. Smith, Army; Corporal Richard A. Smith, Army; Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. Smart II, Army Reserve; Sergeant Aaron A. Smith, Army; Corporal Richard A. Smith, Army; Private Clarence Spencer, Army; Specialist Lance C. Springer, Army; Corporal John R. Stalvey, Marine; Sergeant First Class John S. Stephens, Army; Corporal Timothy A. Swanson, Army; Specialist Eddie D. Tamez, Army; Private First Class Nickolas A. Tanton, Lance Corporal Samuel Tapia, Marine; Sergeant Michael C. Taylor, Army; Lance Corporal Miguel Terrazas, Marine; Sergeant James R. Tijerina, Marine; Chief Warrant Officer Eric W. Totten, Army; Private First Class Brett L. Tribble, Army; Corporal Tyler S. Trovillion, Marine; Private First Class Steven C. Tucker, Army; Sergeant George M. Ulloa, Jr., Marine; Specialist Andrew Velez, Army; Sergeant First Class Ruben J. Villa, Jr., Army; Specialist Javier A. Villanueva, Army; Specialist Robert J. Volker, Army; First Lieutenant Laura M. Walker, Army; Corporal Richard P. Waller, Marine; Specialist Forrest J. Waterbury, Army; Colonel Theodore S. Westhusing, Army; Sergeant Jeffery S. Wiekamp, Army;
Staff Sergeant Benjamin D. Williams, Marine; Specialist Daniel W. Winegeart, Army; Major Matthew W. Worrel, Army; Lance Corporal Luke Carney Yepsen, Marine; Sergeant Christopher M. Zimmerman, Marine.

The joint session and assemblage observed a moment of silence.

A cannon salute was offered by the Texas Army National Guard Salute Battery.

"Amazing Grace" was played by Highland Bagpipe Band of El Paso.
"Taps" was played by Specialist Roger Williams.

Speaker Craddick thanked the attendees of today’s service and introduced Major Craig Combs who offered the benediction.

**HOUSE AT EASE**

At 11:16 a.m., the speaker stated that the purpose of the joint session having been concluded, the house would stand at ease pending the departure of guests.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 45).

(Anderson in the chair)

**RECESS**

At 11:33 a.m., the chair announced that the house would stand recessed until 1 p.m. today.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The house met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Paxton in the chair)

**HCR 240 - READ**

(by Homer)

The chair laid out and had read the following previously adopted resolution:

**HCR 240**, In memory of Robert Kim Brown of Austin.

**HCR 240 - MOTION TO ADD NAMES**

On motion of Representative Hodge, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 240** as signers thereof.