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H.R. No. 2496

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Erasmo Palos of  
2 Eagle Pass gave his life in service to our nation on March 31, 1968,  
3 at the age of 22; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Agustin and Elena Palos, Erasmo Palos was  
5 born on January 8, 1946, and he grew up with the companionship of  
6 seven siblings, Guadalupe, Martha, Bertha, Elidia, Manuel, Elva,  
7 and Daniel; he attended local schools, and during his youth, he  
8 played baseball and participated in 4-H clubs; he also enjoyed a  
9 rewarding career in the retail industry, and in his leisure time, he  
10 liked to play guitar and sing; and

11           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Palos  
12 joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966, and he completed his basic  
13 training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County, California; he went  
14 on to serve in the Philippines for a year, and he began a tour of  
15 duty in South Vietnam on February 26, 1968; assigned to the  
16 Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st  
17 Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force, he was killed in  
18 action at the Battle at Truoi River Bridge; he held the rank of  
19 lance corporal at the time of his death; and

20           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Palos received the National Defense  
21 Service Medal and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, and his posthumous  
22 military honors include the Purple Heart, the Republic of Vietnam  
23 Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam  
24 Meritorious Unit Citation, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the

1 Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the  
2 Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon; he was also recognized in the  
3 Vietnam War 50th Year Commemoration by President Barack Obama; and

4 WHEREAS, Serving with honor, courage, and dedication, Lance  
5 Corporal Erasmo Palos embodied the highest ideals of the United  
6 States armed forces, and for his immeasurable sacrifice, Americans  
7 owe him a profound debt that the passage of time can never diminish;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lance Corporal  
11 Erasmo Palos and commend his family for faithfully preserving his  
12 legacy; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Erasmo  
16 Palos.