

By: Garza

H.C.R. No. 20

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of
2 great peril, men and women of the United States military have
3 marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 64th Forward Support Battalion, U.S.
5 Army Sergeant Melissa Valles embarked from Fort Carson, Colorado,
6 in support of our nation's campaign to liberate Iraqi citizens from
7 oppression; while working to keep the peace in Balad, she was killed
8 while serving her country on July 9, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, A 1995 graduate of Eagle Pass High School, she was an
10 active member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps before joining
11 the United States Army; this vivacious young woman enjoyed
12 basketball and dancing, and her ability to perform duties with the
13 utmost distinction allowed her to recently attain the rank of
14 sergeant; and

15 WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to
16 fulfill her oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,
17 were demonstrated by this valorous American, who gave her life to
18 preserve liberty; the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the
19 loss of Melissa Valles: a soldier for a brief period, a hero
20 forever; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
22 1st Called Session, hereby honor the life of Melissa Valles and
23 extend deepest sympathy to her family: to her mother and
24 stepfather, Marianita Valles and Carlos Gomez; to her brothers,

1 Fernando Valles, Jr., and Jesus Valles; to her sister, Maribel
2 Valles; and to the other relatives and many friends of this beloved
3 young woman; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
7 Melissa Valles.