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R E S O L U T I O N

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 Headquarters Troop, 2nd Armored Cavalry
5 Regiment, U.S. Army Corporal Tomas Sotelo, Jr., embarked from Fort
6 Polk, Louisiana, in support of our nation's campaign to liberate
7 Iraqi citizens from oppression; while working to keep the peace in
8 Baghdad, he was killed in action on June 27, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, A 2000 graduate of Houston's Reagan High School,
10 this courageous soldier entered the Army that same year and was
11 known for his infectious sense of humor as well as his ability to
12 perform his duties with the utmost distinction; the beloved son of
13 Tomas and Benancia Sotelo, he died for the hopes and dreams of men
14 and women in this country; and

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor the life of Tomas
23 Sotelo, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his
24 parents, Tomas and Benancia Sotelo; to his sisters, Flor Lopez and

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1 Erica Sotelo; to his brother, Jose Sotelo; and to his other
2 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
6 Corporal Tomas Sotelo, Jr.