

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

In Memory
of
Hector R. Perez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Staff Sergeant Hector R. Perez, who died July 24, 2003, at the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perez was killed in action north of Al Hawd, Iraq, when a military convoy he was in came under fire; he was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was serving in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Screaming Eagles, an elite airborne unit of brave men who lead the way in difficult, dangerous, and vital missions; he put his life on the line defending our nation's ideals and was an honorable and courageous patriot who fought and died for his country; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Ray High School in Corpus Christi, Hector Perez was beloved by his family and community, and he was respected for his many accomplishments; noted for his talent as a chef, he enjoyed making tamales for his family at Christmas and preparing special meals for the men under his command, especially on holidays, such as Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Hector Perez lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Staff Sergeant Hector R. Perez: his wife, Elisa Esparza Perez; his daughters, Marla Katrina Perez, Elisa Rene Perez, and Jacqueline Lillian Perez; his father, Esequiel S. Perez; his sisters, Sandra P. Vasquez, Rosa Anna P. Garza, Yolanda P. Rodriguez, and Debra Perez; and his brothers, Joel Perez and Esequiel Perez, Jr.; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Staff Sergeant Hector R. Perez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 23, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate