

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this proud nation, in
2 times of great peril and in times of peace, men and women of the
3 United States military have served their fellow citizens honorably
4 and with true bravery; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 1, 2004, U.S. Marine Dustin Michael Sekula
6 was killed in action while working to keep the peace in Al Anbar
7 Province, Iraq; he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine
8 Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in
9 Twentynine Palms, California; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on June 8, 1985, in Edinburg, Texas, he
11 graduated in 2003 from Edinburg North High School; active in the
12 FFA, Mr. Sekula was eligible for a college scholarship from the
13 organization, but planning to enlist in the Marines, he insisted
14 that the money be given to someone who could use it; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Sekula was a true leader in his community and a
16 sterling example to all; he assisted with a children's church
17 program and served as an usher at his home congregation, Trinity
18 Worship Center; and

19 WHEREAS, A man of many talents, Mr. Sekula was a skilled
20 horseman who loved roping, training his horse, and spending time on
21 his family's farm and ranch; and

22 WHEREAS, A resolute commitment to fulfill his oath to serve
23 regardless of personal consequences was demonstrated by this
24 valorous American, who gave his life to preserve liberty; the State

1 of Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of Dustin Michael Sekula:
2 a soldier for a brief period, a hero forever; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
4 Dustin Michael Sekula by passing this resolution in his behalf
5 during the 4th Called Session of the 78th Legislature; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the life of Dustin
9 Michael Sekula and extend deepest sympathy to his parents, Daniel
10 and Lisa Sekula; to his sister, Danielle; to his brother, Derek; to
11 his uncles, aunts, and cousins; and to the many friends of this
12 beloved young man; 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 U.S. Marine
16 Dustin Michael Sekula.

Pena
Escobar
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H.R. No. 6

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 6 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House