

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Sergeant Gerardo Moreno
2 suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this courageous
3 young soldier in Iraq on April 6, 2004, at the age of 23; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno was mortally wounded in a
5 rocket-propelled grenade attack on his unit near Ashula; assigned
6 to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in
7 Fort Hood, he had been deployed to Iraq approximately three months
8 earlier; and

9 WHEREAS, Born in Mabank on March 18, 1981, Sergeant Moreno,
10 affectionately known as "Chito" to his family and friends, joined
11 the U.S. Army after graduating from Terrell High School in 1999;
12 stationed at various bases around the country, he married another
13 dedicated soldier, Teresa Moreno, and they were blessed with two
14 children; a devoted father with a ready, radiant smile and a
15 contagious love of life, Sergeant Moreno cherished each moment that
16 he spent with his beloved Dominique and Marrisol; and

17 WHEREAS, Our state and our nation are fortunate to have young
18 men and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
19 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a
20 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Americans owe a profound debt
21 to our nation's servicemen and women, whose valiant efforts and
22 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest
23 respect and gratitude; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gerardo Moreno is remembered by all who

1 knew him for the greatness and generosity of his spirit; although he
2 will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers,
3 his bravery and his heroism will not be forgotten; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Sergeant Gerardo Moreno, United States Army, and extend profound
8 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Teresa; to his
9 children, Dominique and Marrisol; to his mother, Sandra E.
10 Iracheta, and her husband, Noe; to his father, Gerardo Moreno; to
11 his brother, Jose J. Moreno; to his stepsisters, Yara Perez and
12 Yadira Perez; to his grandmother, Rita Iracheta; to his
13 grandfather, Israel Iracheta; and to his other relatives and many
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.
18 Army Sergeant Gerardo Moreno.

Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 74

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 74 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House