

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, On April 18, 2004, Lance Corporal Ruben Valdez, Jr.,  
5 of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, was killed in action  
6 while working to keep the peace in a foreign land; and

7           WHEREAS, A 2001 graduate of San Diego High School in South  
8 Texas, this courageous soldier is remembered for his infectious  
9 smile as well as his ability to perform his duties with the utmost  
10 distinction; and

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

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the life of Marine  
19 Lance Corporal Ruben Valdez, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to  
20 his family: to his wife, Amy Marie Valdez; to his parents, Ruben  
21 and Sylvia Valdez; to his sisters, Roxanne and Michelle Valdez; to  
22 his grandmother, Olga Rodriguez; to his grandfather, Guillermo  
23 Rodriguez; and to the other relatives and many friends of this  
24 beloved young man; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine  
4 Lance Corporal Ruben Valdez, Jr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 144 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

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Chief Clerk of the House