

By: Craddick

H.R. No. 233

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of Specialist Robert Ray Arsiaga of Midland, who died in Iraq on
3 April 4, 2004, at the age of 25; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th
5 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Specialist Arsiaga was
6 deployed to Iraq from Fort Hood on March 11, 2004; he died with six
7 fellow soldiers from the 1st Cavalry less than a month later, when
8 their convoy was attacked in the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Arsiaga was born in Midland on October 12,
11 1978, and grew up in a loving and close-knit family; he attended
12 elementary school and junior high in Greenwood and graduated from
13 Greenwood High School in 1998; interested in architecture and
14 wishing to design a new home for his mother, he moved to Phoenix,
15 Arizona, to study drafting; and

16 WHEREAS, He subsequently entered the army and began basic
17 training in March 1999; after completing his first term of service,
18 which included time spent in Korea, he reenlisted for two
19 additional years; and

20 WHEREAS, Specialist Arsiaga marked a very special milestone
21 in his life on October 6, 2003, when he and his wife, Tracie Ann,
22 were married; although he was scheduled to leave the army in August
23 2004, his term was extended to 2005 with his posting to Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan performed his dangerous

1 mission with dedication and professionalism; his steadfast
2 commitment to discharging his responsibilities to the best of his
3 abilities was coupled with a strongly felt desire to help the Iraqi
4 people; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Arsiaga's valiant efforts and
6 immeasurable sacrifice are deserving of honor by every American,
7 and he will be forever cherished by the wide circle of family and
8 friends in whose love he shared; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
11 life of Specialist Robert Ray Arsiaga and extend deepest sympathy
12 to the members of his family: to his wife, Tracie Ann Arsiaga; to
13 his mother, Sylvia Munoz Macias; to his brothers, George, Matthew,
14 Gilbert, and Jeremy Arsiaga; to his sisters, Michelle Mancha, Robi
15 Galindo, and Angel Munoz; and to all who mourn the passing of this
16 beloved young man; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
20 Specialist Robert Ray Arsiaga.