By: Chavez H.R. No. 320

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Isela 1 2 Rubalcava of El Paso suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of 3 this courageous soldier in Iraq on May 8, 2004, at the age of 25; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Rubalcava joined the U.S. Army in 2000 and 4 5 became a supply technician with the Army's Stryker Brigade Combat 6 team based at Fort Lewis, Washington; deployed to Iraq in November 2003 and assigned to the C 296th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd 7 Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Sergeant Rubalcava was killed when 8 a mortar round exploded near her in Mosul; and 9 WHEREAS, An El Paso native and 1996 Canutillo High School 10 graduate, Isela Rubalcava attended The University of Texas at El 11 12 Paso and Sul Ross State University; she is described by friends and 13 relatives as a beautiful, funny, and free-spirited person who was 14 filled with happiness and energy and who achieved any goal she set 15 her heart on; and 16

WHEREAS, Through her selfless and unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and her country, this courageous Texan embodied the highest ideals of the armed services, and we owe a profound debt to Sergeant Rubalcava and her family for the enormous sacrifice they have paid; while she will be remembered always by her loved ones as a caring daughter, sister, niece, cousin, granddaughter, and friend, she will be remembered by her country as a hero; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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- 1 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
- 2 Sergeant Isela Rubalcava, United States Army, and extend deepest
- 3 sympathies to her parents, Ramon and Maria Isela Rubalcava, her
- 4 brothers, and her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
- 5 further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
- 9 Sergeant Isela Rubalcava.