

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

In Memory
of
Isela Rubalcava

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of United States Army Sergeant Isela Rubalcava, who died on May 8, 2004, at the age of 25, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rubalcava made the ultimate sacrifice for her country in a foreign land during a time of extreme danger; she was killed just three days before her 26th birthday when a mortar round struck near her in Mosul, Iraq; her death is one of those sacrifices made by the heroic members of our military and their families; and

WHEREAS, An El Paso native, Isela was a 1996 graduate of Canutillo High School; she joined the Army in 2000 and was a supply technician with the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division--the Army's Stryker Brigade Combat Team, based at Fort Lewis, Washington; she had been in Iraq since November of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Isela was a member of a large and close family, and her laughter and her zest for life will be greatly missed; she was a devoted daughter, granddaughter, and sister, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to United States Army Sergeant Isela Rubalcava and extend sincere condolences to her bereaved family: her parents, Ramon and Maria Isela Rubalcava; her two brothers; her grandparents; and her other beloved relatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant Isela Rubalcava.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2004, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate