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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic death of U.S. Army Sergeant Rodrigo
2 Gonzalez Garza of San Antonio on February 25, 2003, at the age of
3 26, has shocked and saddened the citizens of the Lone Star State;
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5 WHEREAS, This patriotic young Texan was killed, along with
6 three of his fellow soldiers, when the Black Hawk helicopter he was
7 on duty in as crew chief crashed in Kuwait during a nighttime
8 training exercise; and

9 WHEREAS, Born in Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, Sergeant Gonzalez
10 moved to San Antonio as a young child, displaying at an early age
11 the responsibility and loyalty beyond his years that would later
12 become his hallmarks; he joined the armed forces after his
13 graduation from Fox Tech High School and, throughout his military
14 career, he impressed all who knew him as an American of exemplary
15 integrity, humility, and courage; and

16 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
17 and women whose love of country leads them to military service, yet
18 the death of this exemplary young man is a reminder that the
19 preservation of freedom is not without great cost; the passing of
20 Sergeant Gonzalez is a tremendous loss to his family, friends, and
21 fellow soldiers, and his sacrifice in service of this country will
22 not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Rodrigo Gonzalez

1 Garza and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
2 his parents, Ramiro and Orelia Gonzalez; to his sister and
3 brother-in-law, Veronica and Rolando Valadez; to his three
4 brothers, all of whom currently serve in the U.S. military, Ramiro,
5 Ricardo, and Rolando Gonzalez, and their wives, Ana Cecilia, Lisa,
6 and Jennifer Gonzalez; to his grandfather, Guadalupe Gonzalez; and
7 to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
11 Rodrigo Gonzalez Garza.