

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In times of great peril throughout the history of  
2 our nation, men and women of the United States military have gone  
3 bravely into battle; and

4           WHEREAS, U.S. Army Private First Class Ruben Estrella-Soto,  
5 Jr., embarked from Fort Bliss in support of our nation's campaign to  
6 liberate Iraqi citizens from repression; with the 507th Maintenance  
7 Company, he was killed in action when his convoy was ambushed in  
8 Iraq; and

9           WHEREAS, The beloved son of Ruben Estrella and Amalia Soto,  
10 this courageous soldier was an aspiring engineer and a graduate of  
11 Mountain View High School, where he was on the football team;  
12 Private Estrella-Soto was a young man who took great pleasure in  
13 seeing others smile and treasured the strong Christian faith that  
14 sustained him on and off the battlefield; and

15           WHEREAS, A Mexican immigrant, Private Estrella-Soto  
16 cherished the freedoms and opportunities he knew in America; he  
17 died March 23, 2003, for the hopes and dreams of men and women in his  
18 adopted country and so that men and women in a far away country  
19 could also hope and dream; and

20           WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to  
21 fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,  
22 were demonstrated by this valorous American; the State of Texas and  
23 the nation now mourn the loss of Ruben Estrella-Soto, Jr.: a  
24 soldier for a brief period, a hero forever; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby honor the life of Ruben Estrella-Soto, Jr., and  
3   extend to his family deepest sympathy: to his parents, Ruben  
4   Estrella and Amalia Soto; to his sister, Cynthia Estrella-Soto; to  
5   his brother, Edgar Estrella-Soto; and to his many friends; and, be  
6   it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8   prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
9   of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Private  
10   Ruben Estrella-Soto.

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H.R. No. 730

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 730 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House