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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.