H.R. No. 1031

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The combat death of Airman First Class Raymond 2 Losano, a 24-year-old Del Rio native, has shocked and saddened the 3 family and many friends and comrades of this beloved young man; and

WHEREAS, Airman Losano was mortally wounded on April 25, 4 2003, when his patrol of U.S. special forces engaged more than 20 5 rebels in a firefight at Shkin, an eastern Afghan city near the 6 border of Pakistan; a tactical air command and control specialist 7 with the 14th Air Support Operation Squadron, this courageous 8 serviceman had been deployed to Afghanistan about a month earlier; 9 he was previously stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North 10 11 Carolina; and

12 WHEREAS, Educated in Del Rio and Tucson, Airman Losano 13 attended Pima Community College in Arizona before joining the ranks 14 of the United States Air Force in November 2001; along with his 15 beloved wife, Sarah, this devoted family man cherished each moment 16 he spent with the couple's young daughter, Lora; tragically, at the 17 time of his death the Losanos were looking forward with immense joy 18 to the birth of their second child; and

WHEREAS, Our state and our nation are fortunate to have young men and women whose love of country leads them to military service, yet the death of this exemplary young man is a sobering reminder that armed conflict is not without great and terrible cost; the passing of Airman Losano is a tremendous loss to his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, and his sacrifice in the meritorious

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H.R. No. 1031 service of his nation will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Airman First Class Raymond Losano, United States Air Force, and extend profound 5 6 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Sarah Losano; to his daughter, Lora Losano; to his parents, Oralia Losano and 7 8 Roberto Losano, Sr.; to his sister and brother-in-law, Melinda and Armando Hernandez; to his brother and sister-in-law, Roberto 9 Losano, Jr., and Monica Losano; and to the other relatives and many 10 friends and colleagues he leaves behind; and, be it further 11

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Airman 15 First Class Raymond Losano.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1031 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 6, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House