

By: Capelo

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army First Sergeant  
2 Joe Garza have sustained a great loss with the death of this  
3 courageous soldier in the Iraqi campaign; and

4           WHEREAS, Sergeant Garza was killed when the vehicle he was  
5 riding in was involved in an accident in Baghdad on April 28, 2003;  
6 before being deployed to the Persian Gulf, he was stationed at Fort  
7 Stewart in Georgia; and

8           WHEREAS, This respected Texan attended Robstown High School,  
9 where he enjoyed long-distance running; he received his diploma in  
10 1978; and

11           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military  
12 personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this country's  
13 history and whose efforts and sacrifice in their nation's behalf  
14 are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest gratitude; and

15           WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
16 his country, Sergeant Garza embodied the highest ideals of the  
17 armed service, and the blessing of his life will be forever  
18 cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and  
19 friendship; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Army  
22 First Sergeant Joe Garza and extend sincere sympathy to his wife,  
23 Mary Garza; to his children, Joe, Jr., John, and Myra; and to his  
24 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
3 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant  
4 Joe Garza.