

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 603

In Memory  
of  
Rodrigo Gonzalez Garza

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the tragic loss of Rodrigo Gonzalez Garza, who died February 25, 2003, at the age of 26; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo grew up in San Antonio and graduated from Fox Tech High School in 1996; he enlisted in the United States Army in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly trained and skilled soldier, Rodrigo served as a helicopter crew chief with the 158th Aviation Regiment, 5th Battalion of the 12th Aviation Brigade, based in Giebelstadt, Germany; he had been deployed to Victory Strike III in Poland and Enduring Freedom in Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo gave his life while in the service of his country in the crash of a Black Hawk helicopter during nighttime training near Camp Udairi, Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS**, This fine young man was respected for his dedication to his military service, and he was exceptionally loyal to his country and its mission; he will be remembered, in the words of Major General Alfred Valenzuela, as a soldier who "never asked why," but rather "saluted and went"; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo was promoted posthumously to the position of Army sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo belonged to a very special and patriotic family headed by Ramiro and Oralia Gonzalez, whose three other sons are all serving in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo lived his life to the fullest and was known for his enjoyment of woodworking and for his passion for the Toyota Tundra; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodrigo was a devoted son and brother and was noted for his courage, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rodrigo Gonzalez Garza: his parents, Ramiro and Oralia Gonzalez; his sister and brother-in-law, Veronica and Rolando Valadez; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Ramiro and Ana Cecilia Gonzalez, Jr., Ricardo and Lisa Gonzalez,

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and Rolando and Jennifer M. Gonzalez; his paternal grandfather, Guadalupe Gonzalez; and his numerous other beloved relatives; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rodrigo Gonzalez Garza.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate