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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist  
2 Rafael A. "T. J." Carrillo, Jr., of Austin suffered an immeasurable  
3 loss with the death of this valiant 21-year-old soldier on June 28,  
4 2005; and

5           WHEREAS, Specialist Carrillo, a member of the 2nd Brigade,  
6 3rd Infantry, was killed while serving his second tour of duty in  
7 Iraq; notwithstanding the hardships that he faced in a war zone, he  
8 performed his work with pride and professionalism, his steadfast  
9 commitment to his mission made all the more firm by a strongly felt  
10 desire to help the Iraqi people; and

11           WHEREAS, Born on November 24, 1983, this courageous young  
12 Texan was a graduate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo, where  
13 he was active in football, wrestling, and the chapel program; a  
14 member of the first unit to enter Baghdad during his first tour of  
15 duty in 2003, he was the deserving recipient of a Combat Infantry  
16 Badge; and

17           WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,  
18 and this nation, T. J. Carrillo embodied the highest ideals of the  
19 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever  
20 treasured by those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his  
21 love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
24 U.S. Army Specialist Rafael A. "T. J." Carrillo, Jr., and extend

1 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother and  
2 stepfather, Amy and Jess Tippie; to his father, Tony Carrillo; to  
3 his sister, Julia Carrillo; to his stepbrother, Brice Tippie; to  
4 his grandparents, James and Gail White and Edna Chisum; and to his  
5 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
9 Specialist Rafael A. "T. J." Carrillo, Jr.