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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerardo Rios, Jr., of Killeen has rendered valiant
2 service to this country as a member of its armed forces; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rios enlisted in the Marine Corps for a
4 four-year term on July 12, 1999, at the age of 18; he began his
5 training at Camp Pendleton, California, where he graduated second
6 in his class, and then transferred to Missouri for specialized
7 training as a motorized vehicle operator; he subsequently spent
8 three years at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and a year in Okinawa,
9 where he conducted training in vehicle operation and served as a
10 dispatcher; and

11 WHEREAS, During his years in the Marine Corps, Jerardo Rios
12 achieved the rank of platoon sergeant and received the Good Conduct
13 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment
14 Ribbon, and Rifle Marksman Badge; and

15 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2003, after his honorable discharge
16 from the Marines, this admirable Texan enlisted in the U.S. Army as
17 a specialist for a three-year term; the following January, he
18 deployed overseas to Camp Victory, just outside Baghdad, for a
19 13-month tour of duty; while in Iraq, Jerardo Rios was promoted to
20 sergeant and assigned to escort high-profile visitors, such as
21 Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and entertainers Toby Keith
22 and Ted Nugent, during their visits to that country; and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rios reenlisted in the army for four years
24 in June 2005; he has now completed Recruiter and Retention School,

1 in preparation for his new assignment as an army recruiter; and

2 WHEREAS, Jerardo Rios married his high school sweetheart,
3 Minerva, on January 21, 2000; the couple are the proud parents of a
4 four-year-old son, Jerardo Rios III; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his career in the military, Sergeant Rios
6 has performed his missions with exemplary dedication and
7 professionalism, and his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
8 this country reflect the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Sergeant Jerardo
12 Rios, Jr., for his courageous service in the military forces of the
13 United States of America and extend to him sincere best wishes for
14 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Sergeant Rios as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.