

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Mario Almaraz, Jr., of Alice has returned
2 to the United States after completing his second tour of duty in
3 Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Almaraz was posted to Iraq in January 2005
5 and served there until January 2006; during his most recent tour, he
6 held the post of team leader in Alpha Company, 315th Infantry
7 Regiment, and trained others in such operations as patrolling,
8 clearing rooms, and searching individuals; on several occasions, he
9 and his men assisted the Iraqi police in conducting raids and
10 searches; and

11 WHEREAS, A holder of the Army Commendation Medal, Sergeant
12 Almaraz earlier served in Kuwait and in Fallujah, Iraq, from
13 October 2002 to August 2003, and he is scheduled to begin his third
14 tour in Iraq in September 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan graduated from Alice High School
16 in 1999; he was encouraged to enter the military by the experience
17 of his brother, Hugo, who had previously joined the armed forces,
18 and he now plans on making the army his career; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Almaraz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario
20 Almaraz, Sr., and the proud father of two children, Marie Almaraz
21 and Mario Almaraz III; and

22 WHEREAS, From the day he first donned the uniform of his
23 country, Sergeant Almaraz has performed his missions with exemplary
24 dedication and professionalism, and his unfaltering devotion to

1 duty, honor, and this nation reflect the highest ideals of the
2 United States armed forces; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Sergeant Mario
5 Almaraz, Jr., for his steadfast service in Iraq and extend to him
6 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Sergeant Almaraz as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 85

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 85 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House