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H.R. No. 85

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.