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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express how the loss of United States
2 Marine Lance Corporal Michael S. Torres, at the age of 21, has
3 affected his family and his fellow students and alumni of Cathedral
4 High School in El Paso; and

5 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Torres was a 2002 graduate of
6 Cathedral High School, a Christian Brothers School rich in academic
7 tradition that for 80 years has emphasized God, country, and
8 family; as an alumnus of this fine institution, he, like thousands
9 of graduates, was educated in an environment where his mind was
10 taught and his heart was touched; and

11 WHEREAS, During his character-building years at Cathedral
12 High School, Lance Corporal Torres always placed himself in
13 leadership roles; he was a classroom leader during each of his four
14 years and was an integral member of the Cathedral "Fighting Irish"
15 football team, excelling as a defensive player; and

16 WHEREAS, Heeding the call inspired by the values he learned
17 as a "Christian Brothers boy," he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps
18 and served his country with the utmost distinction; and

19 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Torres was assigned to the 3rd
20 Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine
21 Expeditionary Force out of Twentynine Palms, California; he was
22 killed in action by enemy forces on July 5, 2004, in the Anbar
23 province of Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, Cathedral High School has graduated

1 many young Texans who have opted to forego their immediate dreams of
2 a higher education in order to pursue a higher calling; Michael S.
3 Torres of the Class of 2002 made the ultimate sacrifice in service
4 to this great country; and

5 WHEREAS, Thoughts and prayers go out to all those whose lives
6 Michael Torres touched; he was a Marine of honor and valor, and
7 those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in
8 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Marine
11 Lance Corporal Michael S. Torres and extend deepest sympathy to the
12 members of his family: to his father, Colonel Michael A. Torres,
13 M.D., United States Air Force; to his mother, Rossana Esparza; to
14 his brother, Gregory Michael Torres; to his sisters, Karina
15 Esparza, Stephanie Torres, and Misty Torres; and to the students
16 and alumni of Cathedral High School; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and for "Irish Hall" at Cathedral High
19 School and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns
20 this day, it do so in memory of United States Marine Lance Corporal
21 Michael S. Torres.