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H.R. No. 221

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal
2 Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez of Laredo suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier in Iraq on January 13, 2005, at
4 the age of 23; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd
6 Marines, based in Corpus Christi, Lance Corporal Rodriguez was
7 killed when his patrol came under attack in Al Anbar Province, Iraq;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A loving son and brother, this courageous young
10 Texan attended United South High School, where his hard work earned
11 him the prestigious Panther Award; he was an active and valued
12 member of the Junior ROTC, and as a colonel he helped to lead the
13 group to a national championship in 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in 2000, Lance
15 Corporal Rodriguez joined the U.S. Marine Forces Reserve and became
16 a respected employee of Buffalo Pawn, rising to the position of
17 assistant manager before his deployment to Iraq in August 2005; he
18 had hoped to one day serve his community as a police SWAT team
19 officer; and

20 WHEREAS, Juan Rodriguez's easygoing nature and zest for life
21 endeared him to his family and to a host of friends, and his
22 thoughtfulness and concern for others touched many hearts; and

23 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the hardships that he faced in a war
24 zone, Lance Corporal Rodriguez performed his work with pride and

1 professionalism, his steadfast commitment to his mission made all
2 the more firm by a strongly felt desire to help the Iraqi people;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
5 and this country, Juan Rodriguez embodied the highest ideals of the
6 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever
7 treasured by those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his
8 love and friendship; 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 Lance
11 Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez and extend deepest sympathy to the
12 members of his family: to his parents, Rodrigo and Juana Maria
13 Rodriguez; to his sister, Maria Fatima Rodriguez; and to his other
14 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance
18 Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez.