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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartbreak felt by the  
2 family and friends of Lance Corporal Nazario Serrano of Irving, who  
3 lost his life in Iraq on January 30, 2005, at the age of 20; and

4 WHEREAS, Corporal Serrano, who had served in the U.S. Marine  
5 Corps for about a year and a half, was a combat engineer assigned to  
6 Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group  
7 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary  
8 Force, based at Camp Pendleton; and

9 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan volunteered for duty in Iraq  
10 and for the past five months had been working in demolitions and  
11 clearing mines; Corporal Serrano was mortally wounded by small-arms  
12 fire in Al Anbar Province, west of Baghdad; he has been nominated  
13 for the Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, A graduate of Irving High School, Nazario Serrano  
15 and his former high school sweetheart Amanda Story had become the  
16 parents of a fine son during Corporal Serrano's tour of duty, and he  
17 was looking forward to holding Landon Heath for the first time and  
18 becoming a family; and

19 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
20 this country, Corporal Serrano embodied the highest ideals of the  
21 armed forces, and his valiant efforts and immeasurable sacrifice  
22 are deserving of honor by every American; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Lance

1 Corporal Nazario Serrano and extend deepest sympathy to the members  
2 of his family: to his parents, Jose de Jesus and Maria Guadalupe  
3 Serrano; to his fiancée, Amanda Story; to his son, Landon Heath  
4 Serrano; to his brothers, Javier, Daniel, and Jesus Serrano; to his  
5 grandparents, Celeste Diaz and Bonifacio Arrellano; and to his  
6 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance  
10 Corporal Nazario Serrano.