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H.R. No. 2113

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
2 Sergeant Aaron Nathaniel Cepeda, Sr., of San Antonio have suffered
3 an immeasurable loss with his death on May 7, 2005, at the age of 22;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Killed in the performance of his duties in Iraq,
6 Sergeant Cepeda was deployed in March 2005 as a member of the 4th
7 Reconnaissance Battalion; he demonstrated steadfast courage and
8 unwavering commitment to his missions, and for his noble efforts
9 earned the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on
10 Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Selected Marine Corps
11 Reserve Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Cepeda graduated from Health Careers High
13 School in 1999, enlisting in the reserves in November of that same
14 year; he went on to earn his bachelor's degree in biology from Texas
15 A&M University--Corpus Christi and hoped to one day attend medical
16 school; and

17 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military
18 personnel, who have long secured this nation's freedom; through his
19 unwavering devotion to duty, honor, and his country, Sergeant
20 Cepeda embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed
21 forces, and the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of a
22 hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in behalf of his country and
23 whose life was a treasured blessing to all who were privileged to
24 share his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Aaron
3 Nathaniel Cepeda, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members
4 of his family: to his wife, Ella M. Cepeda; to his son, Aaron
5 Nathaniel Cepeda, Jr.; to his daughter, Journee Bre-Kayleen Cepeda;
6 to his parents, Michael and Diana Cepeda; to his maternal
7 grandmother, Grace Mata; to his half-sister, Dolores Medina and her
8 husband, Henry; to his half-brother, Michael S. Cepeda, Jr., and
9 his wife, Jeanette; to his goddaughter, Amberly Mendiola; and to
10 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
14 Corps Reserve Sergeant Aaron Nathaniel Cepeda, Sr.