## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 935

## In Memory of Aaron N. Cepeda, Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Marine Sergeant Aaron N. Cepeda, Sr., who died in Iraq at the age of 22; and WHEREAS, Aaron graduated from Health Careers High School

and from A&M University--Corpus Christi in August of 2004; and

WHEREAS, He demonstrated exceptional dedication and courage and an unflagging devotion to duty while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; he was serving with the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, when he was wounded by an explosive in Al Anbar Province during combat operations; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Aaron Cepeda gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Aaron was a devoted husband, father, and son, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Ella Cepeda; his son, Aaron "A.J." Cepeda, Jr.; his daughter, Journee Cepeda; his parents, Michael Cepeda, Sr., and Diana Cepeda; and his brother, Michael Cepeda, Jr.; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Aaron N. Cepeda, Sr.

Van de Putte, Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate