

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Benito A. Ramirez of
3 Edinburg, who died on May 21, 2006, at the age of 21, while serving
4 his country in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment,
6 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp
7 Pendleton, California, Lance Corporal Ramirez was killed during
8 combat operations in Al Anbar Province; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Ramirez joined the Marines in
10 December 2002 and was trained as a 0331 machine gunner; he completed
11 two tours of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom and embarked on his
12 third in January 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, Highly decorated for his courageous service, Lance
14 Corporal Ramirez earned the Purple Heart, the Marine Corps Good
15 Conduct Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze
16 stars, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the
17 National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism
18 Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the United States
21 Marine Corps, Benito Ramirez inspired others with his courage;
22 although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones,
23 they will forever carry memories of him close in their hearts; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Lance Corporal Benito A.
3 Ramirez and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his
4 passing; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance
8 Corporal Benito A. Ramirez.

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| Corte | Howard of Travis | Raymond |
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 678 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House