

By: Flores

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Sergeant Juan
2 Calderon, Jr., of Weslaco suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant soldier on August 2, 2004, at the age of 26;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment,
6 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp
7 Pendleton, California, Sergeant Calderon lost his life while
8 bravely serving his country in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Calderon joined the Marines shortly after
10 graduating from Weslaco High School in 1997; he completed tours of
11 duty in Bosnia and Japan before being deployed to Iraq in 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Ana, he was eagerly awaiting
13 the birth of his first child, with whom he looked forward to sharing
14 his love of the Dallas Cowboys; his son, Juan Andres, was born one
15 month after his death; and

16 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
17 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
18 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect
19 and gratitude; through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,
20 Juan Calderon, Jr., embodied the highest ideals of the United
21 States Marine Corps, and memories of his love and friendship will
22 forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor the memory of U.S. Marine Sergeant Juan
2 Calderon, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn
3 his passing; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
7 Juan Calderon, Jr.