H.R. No. 683

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The friends and family of Army National Guard Sergeant Tomas Garces suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant young man on September 6, 2004, at the age of 19; and WHEREAS, A former student at Weslaco High School, Sergeant Garces was a champion wrestler who was known for his strength; he enjoyed playing the bass guitar for his church congregation and hoped to one day record gospel music; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Garces was serving his second tour of duty 9 in Iraq at the time of his death, and, despite the dangerous nature 10 of his mission, he remained devoted to serving his country; and

11 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed 12 forces, Tomas Garces inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, 13 and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of 14 those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry 15 memories of this heroic young Texan close in their hearts; now, 16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Army National Guard 19 Sergeant Tomas Garces and extend deepest sympathy to all those who 20 mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Army National Guard Sergeant Tomas Garces.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 683 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House