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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of Army National Guard
2 Sergeant Tomas Garces suffered an immeasurable loss with the death
3 of this valiant young man on September 6, 2004, at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, A former student at Weslaco High School, Sergeant
5 Garces was a champion wrestler who was known for his strength; he
6 enjoyed playing the bass guitar for his church congregation and
7 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

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