## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Omar D. Flores of Mission, who
3 lost his life while serving his country in Iraq on July 8, 2006, at
4 the age of 27; and
5 WHEREAS, A 10-year army veteran, Staff Sergeant Flores was
6 assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade; he
7 followed in the footsteps of his older brother, joining the

military after his graduation from La Joya High School; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Flores was studying at the University of Maryland before his deployment, and he hoped to one day become a JROTC instructor; he enjoyed competing, and his athletic skills led him to a number of volleyball championships, while his dedication to his profession twice earned him the title of NCO of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary soldier is a sobering reminder of the cost of war; Staff Sergeant Flores embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Omar D. Flores and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
- 4 Staff Sergeant Omar D. Flores.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 684 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House