

By: Flores

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R E S O L U T I O N

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
8 military after his graduation from La Joya High School; and

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

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

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

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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.