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H.R. No. 980

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hugo Almaraz of Alice has rendered valiant
2 service in Iraq as a member of the United States Army; and

3 WHEREAS, A 1994 graduate of Alice High School, Sergeant
4 Almaraz joined the military in 1997 out of a desire to serve his
5 country; he served a tour in Iraq with Alpha Company 508 of the
6 173rd Airborne Brigade and was later redeployed with Charlie
7 Company 2/5 of the 1st Cavalry; and

8 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the hazardous nature of his work,
9 this brave soldier approached his mission with the utmost
10 dedication and professionalism, and six months after his return to
11 Iraq, he was wounded in his left foot during combat operations in
12 Sadr City on September 6, 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Almaraz is blessed with a loving family;
14 the son of proud parents Mario and Maria Almaraz, he is the father
15 of three children, Dustin, Allyson, and Elyzabeth, and the husband
16 of Rebecca; and

17 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to
18 Sergeant Almaraz and to all the country's military personnel, for
19 they are called on in wartime to bear the heaviest of burdens and to
20 render sacrifice that is truly beyond measure; and

21 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering devotion to duty, honor, and
22 this nation, Sergeant Almaraz embodies the highest ideals of the
23 United States armed forces, and it is indeed appropriate to
24 recognize him and commend him for his service; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Army Sergeant Hugo Almaraz for his
3 courageous service in Iraq and extend to him sincere best wishes for
4 the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Sergeant Almaraz as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.