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H.R. No. 1346

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Gilbert "Beto"
3 Minjares, Jr., of El Paso, who died on February 7, 2007, at the age
4 of 31, while serving his country in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2nd Marine
6 Aircraft Wing, based at Cherry Point, North Carolina, Petty
7 Officer Minjares was killed in a helicopter crash in Al Anbar
8 Province; deployed to Iraq just seven days earlier, he served as a
9 hospital corpsman; and

10 WHEREAS, Beto Minjares graduated in 1994 from Hanks High
11 School, where he played fullback and quarterback on the football
12 team; he went on to pursue a career as a medic in the navy and
13 completed training at the Basic Hospital Corps School; and

14 WHEREAS, Known for his hearty smile and love of dancing,
15 Petty Officer Minjares was a devoted husband, father, son, and
16 brother; he was proud to belong to the U.S. armed forces and eagerly
17 volunteered his service for Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

18 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
19 and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and
20 time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to
21 Gilbert Minjares for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he
22 rendered; and

23 WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family
24 of this beloved man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and those

1 who were fortunate to share in the blessing of his life will forever
2 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Navy Petty
5 Officer First Class Gilbert "Beto" Minjares, Jr., and extend
6 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jeannie
7 Minjares; to his son, Gilbert Minjares III; to his daughter,
8 Miranda Minjares; to his parents, Rosa and Gilbert Minjares, Sr.;
9 to his sisters, Zonia and Aurora Minjares and Laura Gomez; to his
10 brother, Joe Minjares; to his grandmother, Maria G. Cano; and to his
11 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Navy
15 Petty Officer First Class Gilbert "Beto" Minjares, Jr.