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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 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 Officer
7 Minjares was killed in a helicopter crash in Al Anbar Province;
8 deployed to Iraq just seven days earlier, he served as a hospital
9 corpsman; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on March 19, 1975, Beto Minjares graduated in
11 1994 from Hanks High School, where he played fullback and
12 quarterback on the football team; he went on to pursue a career as a
13 medic in the navy and completed training at the Basic Hospital Corps
14 School; and

15 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Minjares was a devoted husband,
16 father, son, and brother who was known for his hearty smile and love
17 of dancing; proud to belong to the U.S. armed forces, he eagerly
18 volunteered his service for Operation Iraqi Freedom and wanted his
19 children to know that he served so that they could grow up without
20 fear in a free country; and

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

1 rendered; and

2 WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family
3 of this beloved man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and those
4 who were fortunate to share in the blessing of his life will forever
5 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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

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