

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 by family and friends at the loss of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Hector
3 Leija, who died on January 24, 2007, at the age of 27; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Leija was killed while bravely
5 serving his country during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, with
6 the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd
7 Infantry Division; and

8 WHEREAS, The son of Domingo and Manuela Leija, Staff Sergeant
9 Leija grew up in Raymondville and graduated from the local high
10 school, where he was a member of the football team, the National
11 Honor Society, FFA, and the Bible Club; and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Leija served in Kosovo and was
13 serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at the time of his death; he
14 was a weapons squad leader; and

15 WHEREAS, Passionate in the performance of his duties and in
16 his desire to help others, Hector Leija embodied the qualities of
17 selflessness, heroism, and valor, and the loved ones of this fine
18 young man will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Staff
22 Sergeant Hector Leija and extend sincere sympathy to his parents,
23 Domingo and Manuela Leija; to his brothers, Ramiro, Domingo, and
24 Robert; and to all those who 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 Staff
4 Sergeant Hector Leija.

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H.R. No. 1573

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1573 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 4, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House