

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Shane Valverde of Alice has
2 deservedly received orders for the Purple Heart and Joint Service
3 Commendation Medal for his meritorious service in Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, A 10-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Shane
5 Valverde joined the army in 2005 and was sent to the Helmand
6 Province of Afghanistan as a team leader in the Special Operations
7 Civil Affairs Forces; on December 29, 2005, he suffered multiple
8 wounds when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive
9 device; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Valverde grew up in Corpus Christi and completed
11 high school through Bee County Community College; joining the
12 Marine Corps, he rose through the ranks to become a sergeant before
13 being honorably discharged in December 2004; he rejoined the
14 military after a brief return to civilian life, during which time he
15 started a security consulting business; since returning stateside,
16 he has earned a private investigator license and worked as a
17 consultant for Chemonics; moreover, he has become involved in the
18 civic life of his community and is currently running for a place on
19 the Alice City Council; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support
21 of his wife, the former Robin Aguiard, and their three children,
22 Isabella, Alyssa, and Sebastian; and

23 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to Staff
24 Sergeant Valverde and to all of the country's military personnel,

1 for they are called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens,
2 and they render service and sacrifice that is truly beyond measure;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
5 this country, Shane Valverde embodies the highest ideals of the
6 U.S. Armed Forces, and he is indeed deserving of his fellow
7 citizens' deepest respect; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Staff Sergeant Shane Valverde on his
10 orders to receive a Purple Heart and Joint Service Commendation
11 Medal and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Staff Sergeant Valverde as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1683

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1683 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House