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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Ruben J. Villa, Jr.,  
3 of El Paso, who died while bravely serving his country on August 18,  
4 2006, at the age of 36; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the Area Support Group, Coalition Land  
6 Forces Component Command, Sergeant First Class Villa was in Dubai,  
7 United Arab Emirates, when he died; and

8 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's  
9 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous  
10 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect  
11 and gratitude; and

12 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
13 forces, Ruben J. Villa, Jr., inspired others with his fortitude,  
14 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives  
15 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic  
16 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant First  
19 Class Ruben J. Villa, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to all those  
20 who mourn his passing; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.  
24 Army Sergeant First Class Ruben J. Villa, Jr.