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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of U.S. Army Sergeant Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz of El Paso, who 3 died while bravely serving his country on October 12, 2005, at the 4 age of 26; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 24th Transportation Company, 541st 6 Maintenance Battalion, Sergeant Ponce Ruiz was killed during his 7 valiant service in Balad, Iraq; 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

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic 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 Lorenzo 19 Ponce Ruiz and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his 20 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 Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz.

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