

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 416

In Memory
of
Juan Calderon, Jr.

WHEREAS, The family and friends of United States Marine Sergeant Juan Calderon, Jr., of Weslaco suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant soldier on August 2, 2004, at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, California, Sergeant Calderon lost his life while bravely serving his country in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Calderon joined the Marines shortly after graduating from Weslaco High School in 1997; he completed tours of duty in Bosnia and Japan before being deployed to Iraq in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Ana, he was eagerly awaiting the birth of his first child, with whom he looked forward to sharing his love of the Dallas Cowboys; his son, Juan Andres, was born one month after his death; and

WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude; through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor, Juan Calderon, Jr., embodied the highest ideals of the United States Marine Corps, and memories of his love and friendship will forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
80th Legislature, hereby honor the memory of United States
Marine Sergeant Juan Calderon, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy
to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be
prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns
this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant Juan Calderon, Jr.

Lucio

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Watson
Wentworth
West
Whitmire
Williams
Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 6, 2007, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate