

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 437

In Memory
of
Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez, who died January 13, 2005, at the age of 23, while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Juan Rodriguez was born November 28, 1981, in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; his family moved to the United States when he was a small child, and he grew up as a model student who was well-liked by his teachers and fellow students at his high school in Laredo; an exemplary young man, he participated in numerous community projects and volunteered at ceremonies to honor our nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Juan participated in the United South High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program; he was on the armed drill team that won the Challenge Level National Championship in 1999, and in his senior year, he attained the rank of cadet colonel; he graduated in 2000, and several years later, he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Rodriguez was assigned to Marine Forces Reserves 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division based in Corpus Christi when he gave the last full measure of devotion to his country; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Lance Corporal Rodriguez's exemplary life and his sacrifice for his country, United South High School is dedicating a building for its Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps in his honor on March 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, A young man of courage, strength, and commitment, Juan was a devoted son and brother whose loyalty, compassion for others, and love of life were truly inspirational; he will long be remembered for his generous spirit and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez: his parents, Juana Maria Rodriguez Velasco and Rodrigo Rodriguez; and his sister, Fatima Rodriguez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez.

		Zaffirini
Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Brimer	Hegar	Shapiro
Carona	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Deuell	Jackson	Uresti
Duncan	Janek	Van de Putte
Ellis	Lucio	Watson
Eltife	Nelson	Wentworth
Estes	Nichols	West
Fraser	Ogden	Whitmire
Gallegos	Patrick	Williams

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate