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H.R. No. 1328

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Specialist Mario Luis Lopez, Jr., of Alice
2 has returned home to the United States after risking his life in
3 service to his country and sustaining serious combat injuries in
4 Afghanistan; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez attended Alice High School, where he was a
6 cross-country runner; after graduating in 2003, this brave young
7 man answered his nation's call to duty and enlisted in the U.S.
8 Army; assigned to the 68th Engineering Platoon of the 32nd Infantry
9 Division based at Fort Hood, he was deployed to Afghanistan in March
10 2008; and

11 WHEREAS, Specialist Lopez was wounded by an improvised
12 explosive device that also injured six of his fellow soldiers; he
13 narrowly escaped with his life and has undergone medical treatment
14 at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan and at Landstuhl Regional Medical
15 Center in Germany; and

16 WHEREAS, Now recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center in San
17 Antonio, Specialist Lopez draws strength from the love and support
18 of his wife, Josie, and his children, Aalyah and Jayden, as well as
19 from his mother, Lily Cash, his father, Mario Luis Lopez, Sr., and
20 his three siblings; and

21 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
22 servicemen and servicewomen, for they are called on to bear great,
23 often unimaginable burdens, and they render service and sacrifice
24 that are truly beyond measure; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his dedication to duty, honor, and this
2 country, Mario Luis Lopez, Jr., has embodied the highest ideals of
3 the U.S. armed forces and earned the lasting respect and gratitude
4 of all who know him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Army Specialist Mario Luis Lopez,
7 Jr., for his courageous service in Afghanistan and extend to him
8 sincere best wishes for his continuing recovery; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Specialist Lopez as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.