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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 death of U.S. Army Corporal Javier G. Paredes of San Antonio,  
3 who died in Iraq on September 5, 2007, at the age of 24; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment,  
5 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Javier Paredes was  
6 killed in Baghdad while bravely attempting to rescue a fellow  
7 soldier; trained as a medic, he provided essential care for the  
8 members of his battalion; and

9           WHEREAS, Corporal Paredes was a former resident of the Hill  
10 Country Youth Ranch in Ingram and a 2002 graduate of Ingram Tom  
11 Moore High School; he worked for a time in construction and as an  
12 employee of Central Market in San Antonio, where he impressed  
13 others with his diligence and his cheerful and caring nature; he  
14 joined the army in 2004 and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star  
15 and the Purple Heart; and

16           WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed  
17 Forces, Javier Paredes inspired others with his courage, strength,  
18 and compassion; although his death has left a void in the lives of  
19 those who knew him, they may take comfort in their memories of this  
20 admirable and heroic young man who gave his life in service to his  
21 country; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal  
24 Javier G. Paredes and extend sincere sympathy to his many loved ones

1 and friends; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Javier  
5 G. Paredes.