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H.R. No. 1637

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Air Force Major Rodolpho Ivan Rodriguez of El  
3 Paso, who died on September 20, 2008, at the age of 34; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 86th Construction and Training  
5 Squadron at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, Major Rodriguez was one of  
6 53 people killed when an improvised explosive device detonated  
7 outside a hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Rodriguez was a 1993 graduate of Ysleta High  
9 School, where he played football and baseball and was a member of  
10 the band; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air  
11 Force Academy in 1998 and to serve in civil engineer units,  
12 including Vandenberg Air Force Base in California; he spent six  
13 months deployed at Kirkuk Air Base in Iraq in 2006 and was on his  
14 third Central Command assignment at the time of his death; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family, Rodolpho Rodriguez made  
16 regular trips home while he was in the academy, never missing the  
17 birthdays of his loved ones; moreover, he inspired relatives and  
18 friends alike with his intelligence, kindness, and hard work; and

19 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's  
20 servicemen and servicewomen, whose devotion to their country  
21 inspires them to take up military service, and their committed  
22 efforts and enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow  
23 citizens' deepest respect and gratitude; and

24 WHEREAS, Major Rodriguez embodied the highest ideals of the

1 United States Air Force, and the blessing of his life will be  
2 forever cherished by those who were privileged to share in his love  
3 and affection; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Major Rodolpho  
6 Rodriguez and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:  
7 to his wife, Caryn Rodriguez; to his mother, Minerva Rivas; to his  
8 brothers, Edgar and Fernando Rivas; and to his other relatives and  
9 many friends; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rodolpho  
13 Ivan Rodriguez.