

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant Benjamin Alexander Salinas, Sr., of Alice  
2 has rendered valiant service in Afghanistan as a member of the  
3 United States Army; and

4           WHEREAS, Sergeant Salinas was based at Fort Bragg, North  
5 Carolina, where he was assigned to the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne  
6 Division, before deploying for 15 months to Afghanistan in February  
7 2007; he served as a 50-caliber gunner and team leader with Delta  
8 Company 2/508 and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Good  
9 Conduct Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement  
10 Medal, and the NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal,  
11 among others; and

12           WHEREAS, A 2002 graduate of Alice High School, Sergeant  
13 Salinas is the devoted husband of Jayla Salinas, with whom he has a  
14 son, Benjamin Alexander Salinas, Jr.; moreover, he enjoys the love  
15 and support of his parents, Rolando and Nora Salinas, his sister,  
16 Pamela Mata, and his parents-in-law, Velinda Gonzalez and Omar  
17 Garcia; and

18           WHEREAS, In his steadfast dedication to duty, Sergeant  
19 Benjamin Salinas embodies the highest ideals of the United States  
20 armed forces, and his admirable contributions to this nation's  
21 defense have earned him the respect and appreciation of his fellow  
22 citizens; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor Sergeant Benjamin Alexander Salinas, Sr.,

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1 for his courageous service to his country and extend to him sincere  
2 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Sergeant Salinas as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2149 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House