

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Melissa Diaz Carrasco of
2 Ben Bolt is rendering outstanding service to this country as a
3 member of the nation's armed forces; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carrasco deployed in June 2007 for Iraq,
5 where she served with the 535th Military Police Battalion;
6 stationed in Baghdad, she worked with the detainee program, and she
7 was awarded both the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement
8 Medal for the exceptional manner in which she performed her
9 assignment; and

10 WHEREAS, While Melissa Carrasco was posted overseas, a flag
11 was hung in her name on the CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Alice Walk of
12 Honor; following her return home, the hospital lowered that flag
13 and presented it to her at a public ceremony, in recognition of her
14 admirable service; although her husband, John Patrick Carrasco, was
15 then on duty at Fort Bliss and could not be present for the
16 occasion, a number of other family members and friends were in proud
17 attendance, among them her children, Deryk Ryan and McKyla Sky, her
18 parents, Eloisa and Rene Diaz, her grandmother, Guadalupe Gonzalez,
19 her sister, Courtney Renee Diaz, and her brother, Michael August
20 Diaz; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carrasco has reenlisted in the army for
22 another six-year tour; she is currently stationed at Fort Hood,
23 where she is involved in training other soldiers who are to be
24 deployed overseas; and

1 WHEREAS, Before embarking on her notable army career, Melissa
2 Carrasco served as the 1998 Miss Jim Wells County and the 2003 Miss
3 Texas A&M University--Kingsville; a graduate of Ben Bolt-Palito
4 Blanco High School, she studied special education at TAMUK; and

5 WHEREAS, Through her courage, professionalism, and devotion
6 to duty, Sergeant Carrasco embodies the highest values of the
7 United States armed forces, and she is indeed deserving of her
8 fellow citizens' deep respect and appreciation; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Sergeant Melissa Diaz Carrasco for her
12 exceptional efforts in this country's behalf as a member of the
13 United States Army and extend to her sincere best wishes for
14 continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Sergeant Carrasco as an expression of high regard by
17 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2151

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2151 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House