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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military  
2 personnel, whose brave and steadfast efforts have long secured this  
3 nation's freedom, and it is with profound gratitude and sorrow that  
4 we remember the life of U.S. Army Sergeant Anselmo Martinez III, who  
5 died in action on May 18, 2007, at the age of 26; and

6 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry  
7 Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Sergeant  
8 Martinez served as a gunner in Tahrir, Iraq; he suffered fatal  
9 wounds when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive  
10 device; and

11 WHEREAS, The son of Anselmo and Diana Martinez of Robstown,  
12 "BJ" Martinez attended Robstown High School, where he was known for  
13 his kindness, his humor, and his love of fishing; after his  
14 graduation in 1998, he worked at a local fast food restaurant and  
15 for a car rental office at the Corpus Christi airport; he married  
16 the former Christina Hernandez and the couple later became the  
17 proud parents of two cherished daughters, Felicity and Eliana; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Martinez enlisted in the army after  
19 September 11 to serve his country and begin a career that would  
20 allow him to be a good provider for his family; during his first  
21 posting to Fort Benning, Georgia, he attended Airborne School;  
22 following his reenlistment in November 2004, he was stationed at  
23 Fort Hood, where he attended the Primary Leader Development Course;  
24 he subsequently was posted to the Joint Readiness Training Center

1 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and was deployed to Iraq in October 2006; a  
2 skilled and dedicated soldier, he earned numerous awards and  
3 decorations, among them the Army Achievement Medal, the Bronze  
4 Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge; and

5 WHEREAS, Anselmo Martinez was a devoted husband and father  
6 and an exemplary soldier, and his fellow Texans mourn the loss of a  
7 hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in behalf of his country; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Anselmo  
11 Martinez III and extend sincere sympathy to his many loved ones;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant  
16 Anselmo Martinez III.