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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Corporal Juan  
2 Manuel Lopez, Jr., of San Antonio suffered an immeasurable loss  
3 with his death in Iraq on August 13, 2007, at the age of 23; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery  
5 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, out of  
6 Fort Bliss, Corporal Lopez died of wounds sustained when his  
7 vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in Qayyarah, Iraq; he was  
8 posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star; and

9 WHEREAS, Juan Lopez was born in Mt. Holly, New Jersey, on  
10 August 9, 1984, to Juan Manuel Lopez, Sr., and Tina Marie Murph  
11 Criss; raised in Florence, South Carolina, he attended South  
12 Florence High School and graduated from Poynor Adult and Community  
13 Education Center in 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Corporal Lopez was  
15 a member of Faith Kingdom Builders Outreaching Ministries in  
16 Florence, and he was also affiliated with the Inner Court Apostolic  
17 Church in Jesus Christ in Florence and Faith Mission Outreach in  
18 Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
20 forces, Juan Lopez inspired others with his fortitude and courage,  
21 and although his passing has left a void in the lives of his loved  
22 ones, they will forever carry their memories of this heroic young  
23 soldier close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal  
2 Juan Lopez, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of  
3 his family: to his mother, Tina Marie Criss, and her husband,  
4 Timothy; to his father, Juan Manuel Lopez, Sr., and his wife,  
5 Gloria; to his sister, Cassandra Lopez; to his grandparents, Bertha  
6 B. Gamble, and her husband, Ricky, Herbert L. Murph, Maria Lopez,  
7 and Martha James; to his great-grandmothers, Providencia Trinidad  
8 and Anniedell Haynesworth; to his uncles, Bishop Otis L. Terrell,  
9 Jr., Marc Stratton, Herbert L. Murph, Jr., Lavell D. Murph, and  
10 Osvaldo Oyola; to his aunts, Shontell D. Murph and Lissette Lopez;  
11 to his great uncle, Angel Garcia; and to his other relatives and  
12 friends; 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 Juan Manuel  
16 Lopez, Jr.