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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot convey the heartache felt at the loss  
2 of U.S. Army Sergeant Jaime Gonzalez, Jr., of Austin, who died in  
3 Afghanistan on August 3, 2008, at the age of 40; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 436th Chemical Company of the Texas  
5 Army National Guard out of Laredo, Sergeant Gonzalez was killed in  
6 Kabul, Afghanistan, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised  
7 explosive device; and

8 WHEREAS, Jaime Gonzalez, Jr., was born in El Paso; answering  
9 his nation's call to duty, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1989 and  
10 served for six years, and then joined the Navy Reserves; he joined  
11 the National Guard in 2006 as a private and was promoted to  
12 specialist; called to active duty the following year, he trained at  
13 Fort Bragg before deploying to Camp Eggers in Afghanistan; he was  
14 promoted to the rank of sergeant posthumously; and

15 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to our  
16 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and  
17 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest  
18 respect and gratitude, and although the passing of Sergeant  
19 Gonzalez leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will  
20 forever carry their memories of this heroic Texan close in their  
21 hearts; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Jaime  
24 Gonzalez, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his

1 family: to his wife, Erica Gonzalez; to his parents, Jaime  
2 Gonzalez, Sr., and Maria M. Gonzalez; to his son, Jaime Ricardo  
3 Gonzalez III; to his daughter, Samantha Elizabeth Gonzalez; to his  
4 stepsons, Jacob Villarreal, Christopher Villarreal, and Robert  
5 Garcia; to his stepdaughter, Missy Villarreal; to his brothers,  
6 Robert Gonzalez and Demetrio Gonzalez; to his sisters, Belen  
7 Gonzalez, Cynthia Ann Aleman, and Flower "Flor" Providence; and to  
8 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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