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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Corporal Steven Ivan Candelo of Houston, who died on
3 March 26, 2008, at the age of 20; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry
5 Regiment, based at Vilseck, Germany, Corporal Candelo was killed
6 while bravely serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Born on June 11, 1987, Steven Candelo graduated in
8 2005 from Elsik High School and subsequently became a proud member
9 of the army; known for his courage, wisdom, and drive, he already
10 owned his own home and was to be the first in his family to attend
11 college; and

12 WHEREAS, The military awards conferred on Corporal Candelo
13 include the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, Time can never diminish the profound debt that
15 Americans owe to Steven Candelo for the service he undertook and the
16 sacrifice he rendered, and the thoughts and prayers of many go out
17 to the family of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor
18 and valor, and those who were privileged to know him will forever
19 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Corporal
22 Steven I. Candelo and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
23 family: to his parents, Alvaro Candelo and Julia Martinez; to his
24 sisters, Ivanna and Erica Candelo; to his fiancée, Erica Vasquez;

1 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army
5 Corporal Steven Ivan Candelo.