

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant
2 Fernando Santos of San Antonio suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on August 2, 2007, at the age of
4 29; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry
6 Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis,
7 Washington, Staff Sergeant Santos was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, when
8 an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on March 31, 1978, Fernando Santos was raised
10 by his grandparents in San Antonio; he attended school in the
11 Northside Independent School District and later earned his GED; he
12 enlisted in the army in 1997 and was serving his second deployment
13 in Iraq at the time of his death; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Santos looked out for his fellow
15 soldiers, giving them advice on a range of subjects; moreover, he
16 was known for his quirky sense of humor and his ability to make
17 others laugh; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan shared more than a decade with
19 his beloved wife, Adonia, whom he had known since childhood; he was
20 a devoted father to her son, and together the couple were blessed
21 with three more children; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty, honor,
23 and this nation, Fernando Santos embodied the highest ideals of the
24 armed services, and memories of his love and friendship will

1 forever be cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant
5 Fernando Santos and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
6 family: to his wife, Adonia Santos; to his children, Paul, Daniel,
7 Iliana, and Victor; to his father, Gilbert Santos; to his brothers,
8 Gilbert, Eric, Leroy, Anthony, Diego, and Joseph; to his sister,
9 Genesis; to his uncle, Daniel Santos; and to his other relatives and
10 many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fernando
14 Santos.

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H.R. No. 2329

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2329 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House