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H.R. No. 2329

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.