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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 at the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Orlando Antonio Perez of  
3 Houston, who died on February 24, 2008, at the age of 23; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment,  
5 based in Vilseck, Germany, Specialist Perez lost his life while  
6 bravely serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq; he was especially  
7 admired by his fellow platoon members for his willingness to be the  
8 first to enter rooms when searching for insurgents in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Tony Perez was born in Houston on December 10, 1984;  
10 he graduated from Bellaire High School, where he was a dedicated  
11 member of the ROTC program, and went on to attend the University of  
12 Houston; and

13 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
14 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military  
15 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering  
16 reminder of the cost of war; Tony Perez embodied the highest ideals  
17 of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and loved him will  
18 forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist  
21 Orlando Antonio Perez and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to  
22 his wife, April Perez; to his mother, Nicolasa Arevalo; to his  
23 brother, Edward Marta; to his sister, Angelica Marta; and to his  
24 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Orlando  
4 Antonio Perez.

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