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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Bacilio  
2 E. Cuellar of Odessa suffered a great loss with his untimely passing  
3 on May 30, 2007, at the age of 24, while on duty in Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, When "Bozzy" Cuellar was born on June 23, 1982, in  
5 Odessa, he weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 23 inches in  
6 length; the first thing his dad asked the doctor was, "Is he going  
7 to walk out of here with me?"; the strapping young fellow was named  
8 after his paternal great-grandfathers; and

9           WHEREAS, It was apparent to his family very early on that this  
10 was an unusually intelligent child; at the age of four years old, he  
11 surprised many people by carrying on normal conversations with  
12 adults; and

13           WHEREAS, Soft-spoken yet outgoing, Bozzy Cuellar never met a  
14 stranger, and everyone in school knew him; he was a cooperative team  
15 player and a respectful and considerate young man by nature who  
16 always thought about the needs and comfort of others; he was also a  
17 very loving person, one who was always there for family and friends;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, The teen was tough, however, when he needed to be; he  
20 was not afraid to stand up to bullies and would bravely defend  
21 others, a trait his future fellow soldiers would quickly discover;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, Friends and teachers from high school, though,  
24 remember him especially as a talented musician; he loved to play the

1 drums and delighted listeners with his proficiency as a member of  
2 the Permian High School drum line and in the years that followed;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Bozzy Cuellar joined the army in July 2001 and  
5 attended boot camp in Georgia; while there, he was able to lose more  
6 than 50 pounds in just three short months; as with all young  
7 soldiers, he had a love/hate relationship with basic training; and

8 WHEREAS, It was not long after completing boot camp that  
9 Bozzy Cuellar met the love of his life, Nicki; the moment they met  
10 on New Year's Eve 2002, it was love at first sight; and

11 WHEREAS, This courageous young Texan deployed several times  
12 in service to his country; his first tours of duty abroad took him  
13 to Kosovo, where he was stationed from May 2002 to November 2002,  
14 and Bosnia, where he arrived in October 2003; in February 2004, he  
15 deployed with his unit, the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment,  
16 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he served in Tikrit,  
17 Iraq, until February 2005; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Cuellar left for his fourth and final tour  
19 on September 1, 2006, when he and the 1-18 Infantry shipped out  
20 again, this time to fight in Baghdad; during that tour he enjoyed a  
21 short period of leave with his family, and then he returned to Iraq  
22 on April 2, 2007; Bozzy Cuellar died on May 30, 2007, in Baghdad,  
23 and he was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston  
24 National Cemetery, in San Antonio, on June 15, 2007; and

25 WHEREAS, Bozzy and Nicki Cuellar were happy together until  
26 his very last day; he was a wonderful husband and a devoted father  
27 who had boundless love for his three sons; his wife has always said

1 that she could not have asked for a better husband and father for  
2 their children; and

3 WHEREAS, The day that Bozzy Cuellar joined the army was a  
4 proud moment for his family; he loved his job and performed his  
5 difficult missions with exemplary dedication and professionalism;  
6 between enlisting in the army, meeting Nicki, and receiving his  
7 family's constant encouragement, Bozzy Cuellar accomplished a  
8 180-degree turn from an earlier period in his life when he sought  
9 direction; by the time of his passing, he had grown to be a man who  
10 continually worked to better himself and who inspired those around  
11 him to do the same; Sergeant Cuellar was indeed an individual who  
12 marched to the beat of his own drum; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant  
15 Bacilio E. "Bozzy" Cuellar and extend sincere condolences to the  
16 members of his family: to his wife, Nicole Cuellar; to his sons,  
17 Sebastian Cole Cuellar, Jeremy Shane Cuellar, and Cayden Xavion  
18 Cuellar; to his mother, Lori Ann Cuellar; to his father, Rafael  
19 Cuellar, Jr.; to his sister, Shauna Denee' Cuellar; and to his other  
20 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
24 Sergeant Bacilio E. Cuellar.