

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Sergeant Reuben
2 Marcus Fernandez III of Abilene suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on October 11, 2008, at the age of
4 22; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment,
6 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort
7 Hood, Sergeant Fernandez lost his life while bravely serving his
8 country on his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, The son of Aurora Flores Fernandez and the late
10 Reuben M. Fernandez, Jr., Marcus Fernandez graduated from Cooper
11 High School in 2004 and joined the Army soon after; he planned to
12 dedicate his life to the military and was highly decorated
13 throughout his career, earning the Army Commendation Medal, Army
14 Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense
15 Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism
16 Service Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, Responsible, respectful, and strong-willed,
18 Sergeant Fernandez also had a lighthearted side and he was known for
19 his infectious laughter and expressive eyes; he always kept in
20 close contact with his family and friends, and he won the affection
21 of all who knew him; and

22 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
23 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
24 sacrifices are deserving of the deepest respect and gratitude;

1 through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor, Marcus
2 Fernandez embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed
3 forces, and those who knew him will forever hold his memory close in
4 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Sergeant
7 Reuben Marcus Fernandez III and extend sincere sympathy to his
8 mother, Aurora Flores Fernandez, to his sister, Stephanie, and to
9 all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

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

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 2505

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2505 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House