

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of U.S. Marine Corps Staff
2 Sergeant Edgar A. Heredia suffered an immeasurable loss when he
3 died in Afghanistan on June 26, 2008, at the age of 28; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Marine Special Operations
5 Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command out
6 of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Staff Sergeant Heredia died while
7 supporting combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, The son of parents from Mexico, Edgar A. Heredia
9 graduated from Taylor High School in the Alief Independent School
10 District in 1998; that same year, desiring to serve the nation that
11 had been so good to his family, he enlisted in the Marines; and

12 WHEREAS, During his 10 years in the corps, this brave
13 American received training as a reconnaissance man and served as a
14 sniper, and he saw duty in Iraq and Afghanistan; he was promoted to
15 staff sergeant in 2007, and he had recently become a reconnaissance
16 team leader; and

17 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Heredia's decorations and
18 commendations include the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps
19 Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, a
20 Combat Action Ribbon, a Navy Unit Commendation, a Navy Meritorious
21 Unit Commendation, and three Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals,
22 among many others; and

23 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
24 forces, Edgar Heredia inspired others with his fortitude and

1 courage, and although his passing has left a void in the lives of
2 those who loved him, they will forever carry his memory close to
3 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Corps
6 Staff Sergeant Edgar A. Heredia and extend sincere sympathy to the
7 members of his family and to his friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
11 Corps Staff Sergeant Edgar A. Heredia.

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H.R. No. 2520

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2520 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House