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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot begin to express the heartache caused
2 by the loss of U.S. Army Corporal Jose A. Rubio Hernandez of
3 Mission, who died in Iraq on March 24, 2008, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment,
5 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and based at Fort
6 Stewart, Georgia, Corporal Rubio deployed to Iraq in October 2007;
7 he was mortally wounded when his vehicle was hit by a makeshift bomb
8 in Baghdad; and

9 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan was born on March 19,
10 1984, in Reynosa, Mexico, the youngest of nine brothers and
11 sisters; he moved to the United States with his family when he was
12 four and grew up in Mission, where he graduated from a charter high
13 school; deeply grateful for the opportunity his family had found in
14 the U.S., he wanted to enlist in the army as a way of giving
15 something back; and

16 WHEREAS, To improve his chances for advancement in the
17 military, which he joined in early 2006, Joe Rubio first earned an
18 associate's degree in 2005 at South Texas College, where he pursued
19 his passion for computer technology; he hoped to become a computer
20 programmer after completing his service in the army and had his
21 sights set on one day earning a doctorate; and

22 WHEREAS, Joe Rubio married Jennifer Guerra, his high school
23 sweetheart, in May 2006, after completing basic training, and their
24 son, Nikolai Cyrus, was born just a few months before Corporal Rubio

1 deployed overseas; and

2 WHEREAS, In appreciation for Joe Rubio's courageous efforts
3 in behalf of his adopted country, the City of Mission has renamed
4 the street on which he grew up as Corporal Jose A. Rubio Street; Joe
5 Rubio has also been posthumously granted American citizenship,
6 something he had hoped to attain and for which he had already
7 completed his application; and

8 WHEREAS, Talented and hardworking, Corporal Jose Rubio
9 aspired to make his mark in the world: "he wanted," his wife said,
10 "to be known for something"; with his passing, this nation has lost
11 an exemplary patriot and a man who had much yet to accomplish, and
12 his service and sacrifice are deserving of honor by every American;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Jose A. Rubio
16 Hernandez and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
17 to his wife, Jennifer; to his son, Nikolai Cyrus; to his mother,
18 Macaria; to his brothers and sisters; and to his other relatives and
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Corporal
23 Jose A. Rubio Hernandez.