

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist Alex
2 Daniel Gonzalez of Mission suffered a grievous loss with his death
3 in Iraq on May 6, 2008, at the age of 21; and

4 WHEREAS, Specialist Gonzalez was assigned to the 43rd Combat
5 Engineer Company, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and based at Fort
6 Hood; he was mortally wounded when his vehicle came under attack in
7 Mosul; and

8 WHEREAS, Part of a large, close-knit family, Alex Gonzalez
9 was born on January 27, 1987, in McAllen and lived most of his life
10 in Mission; he graduated in 2005 from Mission High School, where he
11 played football and baseball; and

12 WHEREAS, From the time he was a small child, Specialist
13 Gonzalez longed to follow in the footsteps of his father, a former
14 paratrooper; after enlisting in the army, he became an explosives
15 engineer, and while in Iraq he routinely volunteered for dangerous
16 missions; he found great satisfaction in military service and was
17 planning to reenlist; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed young man delighted in joking and
19 telling stories; the only son among six children, he was protective
20 of his younger sisters, his cousins, and his friends, and always
21 quick to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; and

22 WHEREAS, Among the military medals conferred on Specialist
23 Gonzalez were the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; in addition, the
24 127th graduating class of the Mission Police Academy presented an

1 award to his parents in recognition of his heroic service; and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Gonzalez performed his difficult mission
3 in Iraq with exemplary dedication and professionalism; his
4 unfaltering devotion to duty, his fellow soldiers, and this country
5 reflected the highest ideals of the United States Army, and those
6 who were fortunate enough to share in his love and affection will
7 forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Alex
10 Daniel Gonzalez and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
11 family: to his parents, Idalia and Alfredo Gonzalez; to his
12 biological parents, Brenda Ojeda and Urbano Gonzalez, Jr.; to his
13 sisters, Casey Mejia and Emily, Audrey, Arleen, and April Gonzalez;
14 to his paternal grandparents, Urbano Gonzalez, Sr., and Emma Maria
15 Santana; to his maternal grandparents, Antonio and Ramona
16 Rodriguez; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alex
21 Gonzalez.

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H.R. No. 2576

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2576 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House