

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Marine Sergeant Matthew E. Mendoza of San Antonio,
3 who died on June 20, 2008, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment,
5 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Sergeant Mendoza
6 was based at Twentynine Palms, California; he was killed while
7 bravely serving his country in Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Born on April 22, 1984, to Raul and Elizabeth
9 Mendoza, Matthew Mendoza graduated from Highlands High School,
10 where he was a linebacker and running back for the football team; he
11 grew up playing the sport and as an adult enjoyed coaching with the
12 local Pop Warner league; in 2004, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine
13 Corps, becoming the third generation in his family to serve in the
14 military; in addition to his distinguished service in Afghanistan,
15 he completed two tours of duty in Iraq; and

16 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan was known for his
17 devotion to his family and his country; honest and easygoing, he
18 brought much joy into the lives of his family and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Mendoza exemplified the highest ideals of
20 the United States armed forces and inspired others with his
21 leadership and courage; although he is deeply missed, he will
22 forever be treasured in the hearts of his loved ones; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant
2 Matthew E. Mendoza and extend sincere sympathy to his wife,
3 Valerie; to his son, Matthew I. Mendoza; to his parents, Raul and
4 Elizabeth Mendoza; to his brother, Timothy Mendoza; to his niece,
5 Brooke Leanne Mendoza; and to his other relatives and many friends;
6 and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
10 Sergeant Matthew E. Mendoza.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2579 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House