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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

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.