RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
- 2 at the loss of Texas Army National Guard Captain Robert Vallejo II
- 3 of Richland Hills, who died while bravely serving his country on
- 4 September 18, 2008, at the age of 28; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation
- 6 Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, based out of Grand Prairie,
- 7 Captain Vallejo was one of seven soldiers killed when the Chinook
- 8 helicopter he was copiloting went down near Tallil, Iraq; and
- 9 WHEREAS, A native of Beeville, Captain Vallejo was born on
- 10 March 12, 1980, and graduated from Fort Worth's Brewer High School
- 11 in 1998; he went on to attend Texas Christian University, where he
- 12 was active in ROTC; after earning his bachelor's degree, he
- 13 attended flight school in Alabama and fulfilled a longtime dream of
- 14 becoming a pilot; and
- WHEREAS, Captain Vallejo worked as a customer-relations
- 16 manager with Pulte Homes in his civilian life, and enjoyed fishing
- 17 and spending time outdoors in his free time; above all else, he was
- 18 devoted to his loved ones, especially his wife, Hillary; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
- 20 servicemen and servicewomen, whose love for their country inspires
- 21 them to take up military service, and their dedicated efforts and
- 22 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest
- 23 respect and gratitude; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed

- 1 forces, Robert Vallejo inspired others with his commitment,
- 2 leadership, and courage; although his death has left a void in the
- 3 lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this
- 4 heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Captain Robert
- 7 Vallejo II and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:
- 8 to his wife, Hillary Vallejo; to his son, Robert Cale Vallejo III;
- 9 to his parents, Robert and Juanita Vallejo; to his sisters, Valerie
- 10 Vallejo, Erica Vallejo, and Teresa Cagigal; to his grandmothers,
- 11 Tina Romero and Maria Vallejo; and to his other relatives and many
- 12 friends; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain
- 16 Robert Vallejo.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2870 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House