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R E S O L U T I O N

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

15 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.