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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Sergeant Jacob De la  
2 Garza of Edinburg was gravely wounded in the line of duty on May 21,  
3 2011, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, Deployed to Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion, 5th  
5 Marine Division, Sergeant De la Garza was injured while on patrol  
6 when a roadside bomb exploded in Sangin, a small town northwest of  
7 Kandahar; he was flown to Germany and then to the Naval Medical  
8 Center in San Diego for treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, Jacob De la Garza graduated from Edinburg High  
10 School in 2000 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California;  
11 before his deployment to Afghanistan, this brave young Texan  
12 completed three tours of duty in Iraq; as recounted in the book *We*  
13 *Were One: Shoulder to Shoulder with the Marines Who Took Fallujah*,  
14 Sergeant De la Garza saved the lives of several fellow Marines when  
15 they were attacked by the enemy; and

16 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Sergeant De la Garza is  
17 supported by the love of a devoted family that includes his wife,  
18 Priscilla, his two children, Jayden and Brealynn, his mother, Anita  
19 de Leon, his father, Robert De la Garza, and his brothers, Javier  
20 and Julian De la Garza; and

21 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to our  
22 country's military personnel, for they are called on to bear great,  
23 often unimaginable burdens, and they render service and sacrifice  
24 that is truly beyond measure; Sergeant De la Garza embodies the

1 highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and his courage  
2 under fire and his unwavering commitment to his mission and to his  
3 comrades-in-arms make him truly deserving of commendation; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Sergeant Jacob De la  
7 Garza for his valorous service in Iraq and Afghanistan and extend to  
8 him heartfelt best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Sergeant De la Garza as an expression of high regard by  
11 the Texas House of Representatives.