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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 U.S. Army Specialist Pedro Antonio Maldonado of
3 Houston, who died in Afghanistan on October 29, 2010, at the age of
4 20; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry
6 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, based
7 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Specialist Maldonado was killed in
8 Kandalay when his unit came under attack from insurgent forces; he
9 was serving his second tour of duty in the region; and

10 WHEREAS, Pedro Maldonado enlisted in the army shortly after
11 his 2007 graduation from Furr High School, where he was a member of
12 the ROTC; his military commendations included the National Defense
13 Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on
14 Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Combat
15 Infantry Badge; and

16 WHEREAS, A quiet, respectful, and responsible young man, Pete
17 Maldonado was devoted to his family and passionate about playing
18 the guitar; he generously put aside his military earnings with the
19 goal of buying his parents a house and assisting his father with
20 medical expenses; and

21 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
22 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
23 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young soldier is a
24 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Specialist Pedro Maldonado

1 embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and time can
2 never diminish the poignancy of the contributions he made and the
3 sacrifice he rendered; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist
6 Pedro Antonio Maldonado and extend sincere sympathy to the members
7 of his family: to his parents, Pedro and Maria Maldonado; to his
8 brother and two sisters; and to his other relatives and friends;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pedro
13 Maldonado.