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H.R. No. 349

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the death of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Shawn Baltazar,
3 Jr., of San Antonio, who lost his life while serving his country in
4 Afghanistan on September 3, 2009, at the age of 19; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of New York state, Christopher Baltazar was
6 born on September 23, 1989; he relocated to the Alamo City in the
7 sixth grade and attended Judson High School, where he was a valued
8 member of the JROTC; following in the footsteps of his mother, he
9 joined the military after earning his diploma; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed young man delighted in making others
11 smile; devoted to his Christian faith, he was an active member of
12 Cornerstone Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
14 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
15 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary Marine is a sobering
16 reminder of the cost of war; Lance Corporal Baltazar embodied the
17 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and
18 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Lance
22 Corporal Christopher Shawn Baltazar, Jr., and extend deepest
23 sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother, U.S. Army
24 Staff Sergeant Beatriz Alberts; to his brother and sister; to his

1 stepbrothers; and to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
6 Christopher Shawn Baltazar, Jr.