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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the loss of U.S. Army Specialist Omar Soltero of San Antonio, who  
3 died on January 31, 2011, at the age of 28; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry  
5 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division,  
6 Specialist Soltero was based at Fort Polk, Louisiana; he was killed  
7 in action while bravely serving his nation in Afghanistan; and

8           WHEREAS, Omar Soltero was born on May 23, 1982, to Gustavo and  
9 Maria Soltero; he knew as a child that he wanted to become a  
10 soldier, and he realized his dream when he joined the army in 2000;  
11 during his first period of enlistment, he was stationed with the  
12 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York; he subsequently  
13 joined the New York National Guard in 2003 and the Texas National  
14 Guard in 2004 before returning to active duty with the army in  
15 February 2010; in addition to serving in Afghanistan, he deployed  
16 twice to Kosovo; and

17           WHEREAS, Among the numerous military awards conferred on  
18 Specialist Soltero were the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army  
19 Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the National  
20 Defense Service Medal with a bronze star; moreover, he received the  
21 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star device, the Kosovo Campaign  
22 Medal with bronze service star, and the Global War on Terrorism  
23 Service Medal; and

24           WHEREAS, Omar Soltero enjoyed the love and companionship of

1 his fiancée, Stephanie Steele, and he was the devoted father of two  
2 sons, Ethan and Alan; this courageous soldier was proud of his  
3 country as well as his Mexican heritage, and he is remembered for  
4 his kindness, his warm smile, and his joyful nature; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Soltero embodied the highest standards  
6 of the U.S. armed forces, and his valiant efforts and immense  
7 sacrifice are deserving of honor by every American; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army  
11 Specialist Omar Soltero and extend deep sympathy to the members of  
12 his family: to his fiancée, Stephanie Steele; to his sons, Ethan and  
13 Alan Soltero; to his parents, Gustavo and Maria Soltero; to his  
14 brothers, Ricardo and Adrian Soltero; to his sister, Maria Alviso;  
15 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist  
19 Omar Soltero.