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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. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jose Luis Maldonado
3 of Mathis, who died while serving his country on December 17, 2010,
4 at the age of 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment,
6 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp
7 Pendleton, California, Lance Corporal Maldonado enlisted in the
8 Marine Corps in 2007 and was deployed to Afghanistan in September
9 2010; he was mortally wounded while supporting combat operations in
10 Helmand Province; and

11 WHEREAS, Born on January 24, 1989, in Brooks County, Jose
12 Maldonado attended elementary and junior high school in Baytown and
13 high school in Mathis; known for his athleticism, he was a star
14 football and baseball player and earned district honors in both
15 sports; he graduated from Mathis High School in 2007; three years
16 later, he married Jackie De La Garza, and the couple enjoyed a happy
17 and rewarding relationship; admired for his strength of character
18 and intelligence, Lance Corporal Maldonado was also caring,
19 playful, and protective of those he loved; and

20 WHEREAS, Among the many military honors he received were the
21 Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Action
22 Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan
23 Campaign Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Good
24 Conduct Medal; and

1 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
2 women whose love of country inspires them to serve, yet the tragic
3 death of this brave young Texan is a sobering reminder of the cost
4 of war; Jose Maldonado exemplified the highest ideals of the U.S.
5 armed forces, and those who knew him will forever carry him close in
6 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Corps
9 Lance Corporal Jose Luis Maldonado and extend deepest sympathy to
10 the members of his family: to his wife, Jackie De La Garza; to his
11 aunt and uncle, Alicia and George Williams; to his brothers, Eric
12 and Eddie Vera; to his sisters, Darlynnna Mejia and Emily Vera; to
13 his nephew, Jaiden Mejia; to his cousins, Jessica Williams,
14 Stefanie Pena, and Juan Garcia; to his mother, Oralia Maldonado; to
15 his grandmothers, Ester Maldonado and Bertha Flores; and to his
16 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance
20 Corporal Jose Maldonado.