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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of
2 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent
3 Jaime Jorge Zapata, who was killed on February 15, 2011, at the age
4 of 32; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 7, 1978, in Brownsville to Amador
6 Zapata, Jr., and Mary Zapata-Munoz, Jaime Zapata graduated from The
7 University of Texas at Brownsville in 2005 with a degree in criminal
8 justice; he joined Immigration and Customs Enforcement the
9 following year; and

10 WHEREAS, Agent Zapata was assigned to the Office of the
11 Deputy Special Agent in Charge in Laredo, and served on the Human
12 Smuggling and Trafficking Unit as well as the Border Enforcement
13 Security Task Force; he recently was detailed to ICE's attache
14 office at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City; and

15 WHEREAS, A kind and generous individual who enjoyed hunting
16 and fishing with his many friends and who cherished his fiancée,
17 Stacye Joyner, Agent Zapata was always ready to help those in need;
18 he was known for his dedication to duty and to the job he loved; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 mourners gathered at Agent Zapata's
20 funeral, including Victor Avila, who survived the attack that
21 killed his colleague; speaking at the funeral were Homeland
22 Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Attorney General Eric
23 Holder, and ICE Director John Morton; and

24 WHEREAS, Jaime Zapata was a courageous agent who gave his

1 life in the line of duty; his heroism remains vivid in the hearts of
2 those who cared for him and in the minds of those who remember the
3 tragic events of that fateful day; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Immigration and
6 Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jaime Jorge Zapata and extend
7 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his parents,
8 Amador Zapata, Jr., and Mary Zapata-Munoz; to his fiancée, Stacye
9 Joyner; to his brothers, Amador Zapata III and his wife, Claudia,
10 Carlos Ismael Zapata and his wife, Claudia, Jose Israel Zapata and
11 his wife, Yazmina, and Erick William Zapata; to his aunts and
12 uncles, Maria Adelina Guerra and her husband, Raul, Jorge Luis
13 Zapata and his wife, Rosa, Alma Diana Canales and her husband,
14 Romeo, Alfredo Munoz and his wife, Rosalinda, Felix Munoz and his
15 wife, Diana, Norberto Munoz and his wife, Sara, Jose Joaquin Munoz
16 and his wife, Rachel, Ralph R. Munoz and his wife, Belinda, and
17 Pablo Munoz and his wife, Elda; and to his other relatives and many
18 friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jaime Jorge
22 Zapata.