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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 Staff Sergeant Carlos Alonzo Benitez of  
3 Carrollton, who died on October 14, 2010, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment,  
5 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Staff Sergeant  
6 Benitez was based at Fort Carson, Colorado; he was killed in action  
7 while bravely serving his nation in Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, This valiant Texan was born to Luis Benitez and  
9 Imelda Castillo in Lubbock on November 21, 1985; a gifted athlete,  
10 he played football for Dan F. Long Middle School and Creekview High  
11 School, both in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district,  
12 while growing up, and he also played soccer with a local club; in  
13 2004, he fulfilled his longtime dream of joining the army when he  
14 enlisted at the age of 18; he completed two tours of duty in Iraq  
15 before deploying to Afghanistan in July 2010; deeply proud of his  
16 service in the military, he hoped to make the army a career; and

17 WHEREAS, Among the many awards conferred on Staff Sergeant  
18 Benitez were the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Good Conduct  
19 Medal, as well as the National Defense Service Medal, the  
20 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a bronze star, the Iraq Campaign  
21 Medal with four bronze stars, and the Global War on Terrorism  
22 Service Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, Carlos Benitez was the loving husband of Susana  
24 Benitez, whom he wed on January 11, 2008, and the devoted father of

1 two children, Angelina and Ethan; and

2 WHEREAS, Remembered as a kind, honorable man, Staff Sergeant  
3 Benitez embodied the highest standards of the U.S. armed forces,  
4 and his valiant efforts and immense sacrifice are deserving of  
5 recognition by every American; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army Staff  
8 Sergeant Carlos Alonzo Benitez and extend deepest sympathy to the  
9 members of his family: to his wife, Susana Benitez; to his children,  
10 Angelina and Ethan Benitez; to his mother, Imelda Castillo; to his  
11 father, Luis Benitez; to his brother, Louis Benitez; to his sister,  
12 Aimme Benitez; to his grandmother, Juanita Castillo; to his  
13 mother-in-law, Dilcia Acosta; and to his other relatives and  
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Staff  
18 Sergeant Carlos Benitez.