

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Sergeant Mario
2 M. Rodriguez, Jr., of Smithville suffered an immeasurable loss with
3 the death of this valiant soldier on June 11, 2010, at the age of 24;
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5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 264th Clearance Company, 27th
6 Engineer Battalion, Sergeant Rodriguez was mortally wounded while
7 his unit was conducting a dismounted route clearance in Powrak,
8 Logar Province, Afghanistan, and came under enemy attack; and

9 WHEREAS, Mario Rodriguez grew up in Smithville and attended
10 Smithville High School, where he was a linebacker on the football
11 team and demonstrated natural leadership ability; in 2003, he
12 enlisted with the Texas National Guard, and he served his first tour
13 of duty in Kosovo; he was deployed to Iraq in 2007 and was promoted
14 to sergeant shortly before his deployment to Afghanistan; his
15 exemplary actions were recognized with many decorations, including
16 the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, and four
17 Army Achievement Medals; and

18 WHEREAS, A kind and caring man, Sergeant Rodriguez
19 consistently put the needs of others before his own; he was an
20 outstanding mentor to his comrades, and he was selflessly devoted
21 to his wife, Leslie, and their daughter, Raven; and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rodriguez exemplified the highest ideals
23 of the United States armed forces, and although his passing leaves a
24 void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry

1 memories of this heroic young man close in their hearts; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Mario M.
5 Rodriguez, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of
6 his family: to his wife, Leslie Marie Rodriguez; to his daughter,
7 Raven Marie George; to his mother, Rita Carmen Alcaraz; to his
8 father, Mario M. Rodriguez, Sr.; to his brothers and sisters; and to
9 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mario
13 Rodriguez, Jr.

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H.R. No. 2355

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2355 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House