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H.R. No. 2355

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;  
4 and

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.