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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 family and friends at the loss of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Bradley
3 Espinoza of Alton, who died in Iraq on October 19, 2009, at the age
4 of 26; and

5 WHEREAS, A combat engineer assigned to the 1st Battalion,
6 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry
7 Division, out of Fort Hood, Staff Sergeant Espinoza was killed by an
8 improvised explosive device in Qayyarah West, Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Bradley Espinoza was born in San Juan, Texas, on
10 September 12, 1983; after graduating from Mission High School in
11 2002, he enlisted in the U.S. Army; he was serving his third tour of
12 duty in Iraq at the time of his passing; and

13 WHEREAS, During his years in the military, Staff Sergeant
14 Espinoza earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Army
15 Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense
16 Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism
17 Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; in
18 recognition of his ultimate sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded
19 the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

20 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and
21 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
22 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering
23 reminder of the perils they face in times of war; Staff Sergeant
24 Espinoza embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and

1 those who knew and loved him will forever carry him close in their
2 hearts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant
5 Bradley Espinoza and extend sincere condolences to the members of
6 his family: to his wife, Maria Espinoza; to his children, Joseph and
7 Celeste Espinoza; to his mother, Magdalena Espinoza, and his
8 father, Miguel A. Deleon; to his brothers and sisters, Gabriel,
9 Miguel, Vanessa, and Valeria; to his maternal grandparents, Reyes
10 and Maria Loredo; to his paternal grandparents, Amel Deleon and
11 Felizida Deleon; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bradley
16 Espinoza.