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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss  
2 of U.S. Army Sergeant Paul A. Rivera of Round Rock, who died while  
3 bravely serving his country on October 22, 2011, at the age of 26;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 709th Military Police Battalion,  
6 18th Military Police Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command,  
7 Hohenfels, Germany, Sergeant Rivera lost his life in Logar  
8 Province, Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to this  
10 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, who make immeasurable  
11 sacrifices for their country and who risk their very lives in its  
12 behalf; and

13 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
14 forces, Paul A. Rivera inspired others with his fortitude,  
15 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives  
16 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic  
17 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Paul A. Rivera and extend  
20 sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of

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1 U.S. Army Sergeant Paul A. Rivera.