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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 Specialist Kevin Cardoza of Mercedes, who died  
3 in Afghanistan on May 4, 2013, at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st  
5 Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss,  
6 Specialist Cardoza was one of five soldiers killed when their  
7 vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Maiwand,  
8 Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on August 26, 1993, in Edinburg, Kevin Cardoza  
10 graduated from Edcouch-Elsa High School in 2011 and enlisted in the  
11 army that same year; after training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was  
12 assigned to Fort Bliss, and a month later, he was selected to serve  
13 as a member of the Reconnaissance Platoon in Afghanistan in support  
14 of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

15 WHEREAS, Specialist Cardoza's commendations include the  
16 Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal,  
17 the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense  
18 Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a campaign star,  
19 the NATO Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

20 WHEREAS, Although the tragic death of this brave young Texan  
21 is a sobering reminder of the cost of war, Kevin Cardoza embodied  
22 the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and  
23 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Specialist  
3 Kevin Cardoza and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
4 family: to his daughters, Delilah Nevaeh Cardoza and Melanie Renee  
5 Cardoza; to his parents, Ramiro Cardoza, Sr., and Maria Cardoza; to  
6 his brothers, Ramiro Cardoza, Jr., and his wife, Jessica Rodriguez,  
7 and Michael Cardoza; to his sister, Leslie Lizette Cardoza; to his  
8 grandmother, Eduarda Cardoza; to his grandparents, Maria Belen and  
9 Hector De La Cruz; to his nephews, Ramiro Cardoza III and Ryan James  
10 Cardoza; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further  
11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kevin  
14 Cardoza.