## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 899

## In Memory of Kevin Cardoza

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United States Army Specialist Kevin Cardoza, who died in the line of duty May 4, 2013, at the age of 19, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cardoza was born August 26, 1993, in Edinburg; he joined the military in July of 2011 and was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, based at Fort Bliss; he was selected to be a member of the reconnaissance platoon; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Cardoza received several medals and commendations over the course of his military career, including a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, A true American hero, he has joined the long line of brave men and women who have served in our nation's wars and peacekeeping missions and whose selfless devotion and strength have left an indelible mark on the world; and

WHEREAS, A young man of courage, strength, and patriotism, he gave unselfishly to others, and his devotion to duty and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was devoted to his fiancée and his two daughters, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of United States Army Specialist Kevin Cardoza; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Specialist Kevin Cardoza.

Rodriguez, Van de Putte

Birdwell	Garcia	Paxton
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Carona	Hegar	Seliger
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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate