

By: Miller of Comal

H.C.R. No. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Gilberto Lopez Sanchez  
2 of New Braunfels made the ultimate sacrifice in behalf of his  
3 country during the Korean War, in the ferocious Battle of the Chosin  
4 Reservoir; and

5           WHEREAS, One of eight brothers to serve in the United States  
6 military, Sergeant Sanchez was born to Bernardino and Coleta  
7 Sanchez in Comal County on October 21, 1931; trained as an army  
8 medic, he was assigned to the Medical Company, 32nd Infantry  
9 Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, which was deployed east of the  
10 Chosin Reservoir in November 1950 as part of the 31st Regimental  
11 Combat Team; on the night of November 27-28, 1950, RCT-31, known  
12 historically as Task Force Faith, was attacked by vastly larger  
13 numbers of enemy forces; the fighting continued for some two weeks,  
14 with the task force suffering grievous losses; on December 2, 1950,  
15 Sergeant Sanchez, who had been treating the wounded, was reported  
16 as missing in action, and on December 31, 1953, he was listed as  
17 presumed dead; and

18           WHEREAS, Through the years, the family of Sergeant Sanchez  
19 continued to search for information as to his fate; his remains have  
20 now been recovered and have been identified through DNA, and he is  
21 being laid to rest with full military honors on January 23, 2015, at  
22 Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery; and

23           WHEREAS, Sergeant Sanchez was the recipient of the Purple  
24 Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service

1 Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Presidential  
2 Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal; he was  
3 also awarded the Combat Medical Badge; and

4 WHEREAS, Unwavering in his devotion to duty, honor, and this  
5 country, Sergeant Gilberto Sanchez embodied the highest ideals of  
6 the United States armed forces, and his fellow citizens mourn the  
7 death of a courageous soldier and patriot whose life was a blessing  
8 to all who were privileged to share in his love and friendship; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby honor the memory of U.S. Army Sergeant Gilberto Sanchez and  
12 extend to his family sincere sympathy for his loss and profound  
13 gratitude for his valiant service; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
16 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory  
17 of U.S. Army Sergeant Gilberto Lopez Sanchez.