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S.R. No. 61

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Laredo and Rio Bravo in mourning the loss of Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, who died in the line of duty while serving in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, at the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, David Espinoza was born on July 10, 2001, in Laredo, and he grew up in Rio Bravo; after earning his diploma from Lyndon B. Johnson High School in 2019, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of serving in the military, and he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Espinoza served the nation with distinction and was stationed in Jordan for two years; he transferred to Kabul, Afghanistan, only one week before he was tragically killed in the August 26 terrorist attack at the Kabul airport that claimed the lives of 13 members of the American military forces and killed and injured many others; and

WHEREAS, The passing of such a promising young person has had an impact far beyond the Rio Bravo community, and military service members, members of law enforcement, and countless citizens across the nation have expressed their condolences and have shared their grief over this devastating loss; and

WHEREAS, This heroic Marine was beloved by his family and friends, who knew him as a kind, intelligent young man with a quiet yet determined spirit and a generous heart; he was

dedicated to helping others and served as a volunteer in the Rio Bravo community center to benefit those most vulnerable and in need; and

WHEREAS, Left behind to honor his memory are his mother, Elizabeth Holguin; his father, Vic Dominguez; his two brothers and his sister; and a host of friends and loved ones who were inspired by his strength, his courage, and his commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Espinoza was an American hero who risked all to protect our country and his fellow citizens, and he made the ultimate sacrifice while working to preserve this country's freedom; his brave service on behalf of this nation will not be forgotten, and his selfless spirit and strength have left an indelible mark on the lives of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza of Rio Bravo; 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 U.S. Marine Lance Corporal David Espinoza.