

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 27, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and extending condolences for the supreme
2 sacrifice of specialist Luis O. Rodriguez-Contrera of the
3 United States Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st
4 Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort
5 Hood, Texas, who tragically lost his life on March 2, 2007,
6 while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

7 WHEREAS, Spc. Luis O. Rodriguez-Contrera, 22 years of age,
8 was a resident of Allentown, Lehigh County; and

9 WHEREAS, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera was killed on March 2, 2007,
10 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle
11 while on patrol in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad; and

12 WHEREAS, In an act of selflessness, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera

1 had bravely volunteered for duty that day; and

2 WHEREAS, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera joined the Army in August
3 2005 to make a better life for his family and was assigned to
4 the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat
5 Team, 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, in
6 January 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera was deployed to Iraq in
8 November 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera
10 earned numerous awards, including the National Defense Service
11 Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism
12 Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Ribbon;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera was posthumously awarded the
15 Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal and Combat
16 Action Badge; and

17 WHEREAS, Spc. Rodriguez-Contrera is survived by his wife,
18 Monica, his stepsons, Jonathan and Viyonce, and his son, Luis
19 Odanis Rodriguez-Contrera, Jr., who was born on June 13, 2007;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the tragic loss of this
22 fine young man who served his country with valor and lived his
23 life in an honorable and courageous manner; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
25 and extend condolences for the supreme sacrifice of Specialist
26 Luis O. Rodriguez-Contrera, who died on March 2, 2007, while
27 serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the family of Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera, 822 N. 11th Street,

1 Allentown, PA 18102.