

## Senate Resolution 378

By: Senators Zamarripa of the 36th, Gillis of the 20th, Starr of the 44th, Tolleson of the 18th, Brush of the 24th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the loss of Private First Class Diego Rincon; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Private First Class Diego Rincon of Conyers, Georgia, will be long remembered  
3 as a valiant patriot who was loyal to the country that welcomed him and his family as  
4 immigrants from Colombia in 1989 and who repaid his adopted country with the ultimate  
5 sacrifice of his life in the war against terrorism in Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, he was 5 years old when his father, George Rincon, moved his wife and two  
7 sons to the United States to escape the terrorism of the drug cartel in his native Colombia;  
8 and the family settled in rural Rockdale County and enjoyed a life of freedom and safety; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Salem High School in 2001 where he had been an actor,  
10 musician, and cheerleader and responded to the terrorism of September 11 by enlisting in the  
11 Army where he became a member of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and was among  
12 the 15,000 members of his division deployed to wage war in Iraq; and

13 WHEREAS, tragically, he and three other members of his 1st Brigade died at the hands of  
14 a suicide bomber at a military checkpoint near Najaf on Saturday, March 29, 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, in a recent letter to his family, Diego Rincon poignantly expressed his love,  
16 honor, and duty for his country and the principles for which it stands; and the intense  
17 patriotism, commitment, and intrepid courage of this young soldier inspires us all.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 regret the loss of Private First Class Diego Rincon of the United States Army who honorably  
20 gave his life for his adopted country and convey their heartfelt sympathy to the members of  
21 his beloved family at this time of deep personal grief.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Rincon family.