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House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the memory of United States Marine
3 Corporal Armando Ariel Gonzalez, a fallen American hero.
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5 WHEREAS, Armando Ariel Gonzalez left Cuba on a raft in
6 1995, bound for Miami with his father and younger brother, and
7 settled with his family in Hialeah, where he attended Miami-Dade
8 Community College and learned to speak English, and

9 WHEREAS, roughly two and one-half years ago, Armando
10 Gonzalez enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and soon
11 rose to Corporal as a member of a unit based in Beaufort, South
12 Carolina, and

13 WHEREAS, seven months ago, Corporal Gonzalez married Liud
14 Mila Gonzalez, the love of his life, and was eagerly
15 anticipating the birth of the couple's first child, and

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Gonzalez, a driver assigned to Marine
17 Wing Support Squadron 273, Marine Wing Support Group 27, 2nd
18 Marine Aircraft Wing, stationed at Logistics Supply Area Viper
19 in Iraq, was crushed to death when a commercial refueling truck
20 under which he was working collapsed, and

21 WHEREAS, the April 14, 2003, death of Corporal Armando
22 Gonzalez, 25, was the first suffered by the Beaufort base and
23 the first of the Iraqi conflict known to have been inflicted
24 upon a resident of the City of Hialeah in Miami-Dade County,
25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
28 Florida:
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30 That the House of Representatives honors the memory of
31 United States Marine Corporal Armando Ariel Gonzalez and joins
32 his wife, family members, friends, and community in mourning the
33 untimely death of a fallen American hero.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
35 presented to Mrs. Liud Mila Gonzalez and her as-yet unborn child
36 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.