

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAREDO, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1867, INTRODUCED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD RAYMOND, WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR SIBLINGS OF VETERANS WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION, DIED WHILE IN SERVICE, OR ARE MISSING IN ACTION, PROVIDED THE VETERAN DOES NOT HAVE A SPOUSE OR CHILD.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo is committed to supporting military families and honoring the sacrifices of service members who have laid down their lives in the defense of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1867, introduced by State Representative Richard Raymond, seeks to amend the Texas Education Code to extend tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education to the siblings of military service members who were killed in action, died while in service, or are missing in action, provided that the veteran does not have a spouse or child; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill was introduced in part due to the experience of the family of Lance Corporal David Espinoza, a proud son of Laredo and Rio Bravo, Texas, who was tragically killed in the August 26, 2021, terrorist attack at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan while serving in the United States Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Lance Corporal Espinoza was a dedicated and selfless young Marine who served his nation with honor, and whose untimely passing left behind a grieving family, including his mother, father, siblings, and a community that continues to cherish his memory; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of Laredo, Texas, expresses its strong support for House Bill 1867 and urges the Texas Legislature to swiftly enact this important legislation.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, State Representative Richard Raymond, State Representative Don McLaughlin, State Senator Judith Zaffirini, and other relevant state officials to convey the City of Laredo's support for this measure.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.