

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of
2 great peril, men and women of the United States military have
3 marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corporal Daniel Amaya embarked from
5 Twentynine Palms, California, in support of our nation's campaign
6 to liberate Iraqi citizens from oppression; a corporal with the 3rd
7 Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, he was killed in action on April 10,
8 2004, during his second mission in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, A beloved son and brother, this courageous soldier
10 graduated in 2000 from Odessa High School, where he was a
11 cheerleader and a member of the band; known for his kind and gentle
12 spirit, he loved to make others smile, and he aspired to one day
13 become a chiropractor and comedian; and

14 WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to
15 fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,
16 were demonstrated by this valorous American, who gave his life to
17 preserve liberty; the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the
18 loss of Daniel Amaya: a soldier for a brief period, a hero forever;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the life of Daniel
22 Amaya and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his mother and
23 stepfather, Kacey and David Carpenter; to his father, Tom Amaya; to
24 his brother, Joe Amaya; to his stepbrother, Aaron Carpenter; to his

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1 stepsister, Victoria Carpenter; and to the many friends of this
2 beloved young man; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.
6 Marine Corporal Daniel Amaya.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 73 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House