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H.R. No. 234

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Lance Corporal Kyle Dwayne  
2 Crowley, of the United States Marine Corps, suffered an  
3 immeasurable loss with the death of this beloved young man in Iraq  
4 on April 6, 2004, at the age of 18; and

5           WHEREAS, Corporal Crowley, who fulfilled a longtime ambition  
6 when he joined the corps in July 2003, was a member of the 2nd  
7 Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine  
8 Expeditionary Force; he sustained mortal injuries when he and a  
9 group of fellow Marines were caught in an ambush in Ramadi, west of  
10 Baghdad, about seven weeks after he arrived in the country; and

11           WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his mission,  
12 Corporal Crowley was intensely proud of his work and was committed  
13 to discharging his responsibilities to the best of his ability;  
14 promoted to lance corporal shortly before departing for Iraq, he  
15 had qualified to drive a Humvee and had been appointed a fire team  
16 leader; and

17           WHEREAS, Kyle Crowley was born on May 13, 1985, and grew up in  
18 Hayward and San Ramon, California; he attended California High  
19 School in San Ramon for three years and graduated from Del Amigo  
20 High School in June 2003; unshakeable in his resolve to become a  
21 Marine, he worked in the local recruiting office while in high  
22 school and volunteered for physical training on the weekends to  
23 prepare for the rigors of boot camp; and

24           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, he loved to wrestle, fish, and

1 hunt, as well as to learn new skills, such as carpentry; remembered  
2 by all who knew him for his confidence and enthusiasm, his eagerness  
3 to help others, and his zest for life, Kyle Crowley infused the  
4 world around him with laughter and joy; and

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Crowley's military awards include the  
6 National Defense Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Global  
7 War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; students at California High  
8 School have commemorated their friend's passing with a moment of  
9 silence and a signed memorial, and more than 100 members of the San  
10 Ramon community gathered in the town's central park on the evening  
11 of April 9, 2004, for a candlelight vigil in his honor; Corporal  
12 Crowley has been laid to rest in Golden Gate National Cemetery in  
13 San Bruno, California; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to their military  
15 personnel, who are called on to bear enormous, often unimaginable  
16 burdens; the efforts and sacrifices of these men and women in this  
17 nation's behalf are deserving of our deepest respect and gratitude;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
20 his country, Corporal Crowley embodied the highest ideals of the  
21 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever  
22 cherished by those who were privileged to share in his great love  
23 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
25 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
26 life of Lance Corporal Kyle Dwayne Crowley and extend sincere  
27 sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother and

1 stepfather, Chris and Jeff Smiley; to his father and stepmother,  
2 Mark and Mary Crowley; to his sister; and to all those who join in  
3 mourning his passing; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance  
7 Corporal Kyle Dwayne Crowley.