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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Vernon Gaston of Lampasas was killed in Baghdad,  
2 Iraq, on September 3, 2003, leaving behind a host of loved ones and  
3 dear friends, and it is indeed appropriate to remember the life of  
4 this esteemed American at this time; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on September 1, 1957, in Dallas, Mr. Gaston was  
6 employed by Kellogg Brown & Root at the time of his passing; a  
7 20-year employee of the postal service, he was working to establish  
8 a postal system in Iraq when he was fatally wounded; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Gaston was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during  
10 Operation Desert Storm; a great-grandson of Frank Gaston, the  
11 longtime owner of the *Granbury News*, he had worked in radio, was a  
12 former correspondent for the *Killeen Daily Herald*, and was a noted  
13 civic leader; and

14           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Gaston is dearly missed by  
15 his wife and children; his loss has left a void in their lives, yet  
16 his legacy of service to his country and to his fellow Americans  
17 lives on in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
20 Vernon Gaston and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his  
21 wife, Kaye; to his children, Kristi, Steve, and Michael; and to the  
22 many other relatives and friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be  
23 it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vernon  
3 Gaston.