

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant Giovanni Bennett of Georgetown has  
2 returned stateside from Iraq after sustaining injuries on April 4,  
3 2004, in Kirkuk, northeast of Baghdad, and this brave and dedicated  
4 soldier is most deserving of our highest praise for risking his life  
5 in service to his country; and

6           WHEREAS, A member of the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division,  
7 Sgt. Bennett was injured while searching for a suspected weapons  
8 cache; seven of his fellow soldiers were injured, one fatally, when  
9 a car bomb exploded in the vicinity of the American soldiers; and

10           WHEREAS, Sgt. Bennett, who was only recently promoted to his  
11 current rank, demonstrated admirable leadership and courage in the  
12 aftermath of the explosion; his concern for the safety and welfare  
13 of the men in his charge was his highest priority, surpassing  
14 concern for his own personal well-being; and

15           WHEREAS, The heroic efforts of this American soldier have  
16 been recognized by his commanding officer, Lt. Joshua M. Grenard,  
17 who is expected to recommend Sgt. Bennett for the Bronze Star with  
18 "V" device for his valorous performance in combat; Sgt. Bennett  
19 will likely receive the Purple Heart as well; and

20           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to  
21 recognize Sgt. Bennett for his unwavering commitment to his country  
22 and to his comrades in arms; he is an example not only to his fellow  
23 servicemen and servicewomen, but to the countless Americans who  
24 support the efforts of our troops; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Sgt. Giovanni  
3 Bennett for his service in Iraq and extend to him best wishes for a  
4 swift and complete recovery from his injuries; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Sgt. Bennett as an expression of highest regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 294

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 294 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House