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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.