

By: Eissler

H.C.R. No. 271

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Second Lieutenant Cory Steele of The  
2 Woodlands suffered severe injuries April 9, 2003, while serving in  
3 Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, An infantry platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion,  
5 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Lieutenant Steele was  
6 searching a building in the town of Hilla with his team when a booby  
7 trap left by Iraqi troops detonated, breaking and seriously  
8 damaging his right leg; after undergoing numerous surgeries to  
9 treat his wounds, this courageous soldier is now facing an extended  
10 period of recuperation; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Steele is a 1996 graduate of McCullough  
12 High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he  
13 was a member of the Corps of Cadets; receiving his commission in the  
14 army represented the fulfillment of a longtime ambition, and  
15 Lieutenant Steele expects to return to duty at Fort Campbell,  
16 Kentucky, home base of his division, when he is cleared for active  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Awarded the Purple Heart, Lieutenant Steele  
19 received this award personally from Thomas White, then secretary of  
20 the army, while being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in  
21 Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
23 this country, Lieutenant Steele has embodied the highest ideals of  
24 the armed forces and earned the lasting respect and gratitude of all

1 Americans; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby honor U.S. Army Second Lieutenant Cory Steele for his brave  
4 and steadfast service in this nation's behalf and extend to him  
5 sincere best wishes for a swift and full recovery; and, be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Lieutenant Steele as an expression of high regard by  
9 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.