

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A courageous young Texan who demonstrated
2 unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to fulfilling his
3 oath, regardless of personal consequences, has returned from the
4 battlefield; and

5 WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Manuel Espinoza, Jr., embarked from
6 his military base in support of our nation's campaign to liberate
7 Iraqi citizens from repression; this courageous soldier was
8 seriously wounded while fighting near the southeastern Iraqi city
9 of Nasiriyah; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Espinoza joined the marines shortly after
11 graduating from Weslaco High School in 2000 and was stationed at
12 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, before being deployed to the Persian
13 Gulf; he has now returned to this country, where his wounds will
14 heal and scars will fade, but the dedication he demonstrated to his
15 homeland will not be forgotten; and

16 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by Corporal Espinoza and his
17 fellow soldiers while serving their nation in Iraq have earned the
18 heartfelt gratitude of all Americans, who join his parents, Martha
19 and Manuel Espinoza, Sr., his sister, Sandra Lara, and the members
20 of this body in applauding his safe return; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby honor Marine Corporal Manuel Espinoza, Jr., for his heroic
23 service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and extend to him sincere
24 gratitude for his valiant efforts and best wishes for his recovery;

1 and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Corporal Espinoza as an expression of high regard by
4 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 286 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 286 was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor