

By: Wise

H.C.R. No. 286

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.