

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of Staff Sergeant Phillip A. Jordan, who died in the Iraqi
3 campaign on March 23, 2003, at the age of 42; and

4 WHEREAS, A gunnery sergeant with the 1st Battalion, 2nd
5 Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Sergeant Jordan
6 died in an Iraqi ambush near An Nasiriyah in southern Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, During his 15-year career in the corps, Phillip
8 Jordan served in the 1991 Persian Gulf War and in Kosovo; he spent
9 three years at Camp Lejeune and three years as a drill sergeant on
10 Parris Island before being assigned to Camp Lejeune again in the
11 fall of 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Jordan took great pride in the marines and
13 in the contributions he was able to make to the corps, and for those
14 who knew him, he represented the very best of that force; and

15 WHEREAS, Highly respected for his professional ability, he
16 was also fondly admired for his generosity, gentleness, and sturdy
17 optimism; nicknamed Gump, after a popular film and literary
18 character, he would readily go out of his way to help friends and
19 strangers alike; and

20 WHEREAS, Originally from Brazoria, Texas, Sergeant Jordan
21 attended Furr High School in Houston and Alvin High School in Alvin
22 before graduating from Clear Creek High School in League City in
23 1980; while a student at Clear Creek, he played defensive end on the
24 football team and also belonged to the track team, where he was a

1 sprinter; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to the corps, Phillip Jordan also
3 treasured his family, for whom his profound care and support knew no
4 limit; he and his wife, Amanda, married in 1994 and several years
5 later became the parents of a son, Tyler, now six years old; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military
7 personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this country's
8 history and whose efforts and sacrifice in their nation's behalf
9 are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest gratitude; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
11 his country, Sergeant Jordan embodied the highest ideals of the
12 armed service, and the blessing of his life will be forever
13 cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and
14 friendship; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Staff
17 Sergeant Phillip A. Jordan and extend sincere sympathy to his wife,
18 Amanda, and son, Tyler, and to his other relatives and many friends;
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the members of his family, and that when the Texas
22 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
23 Staff Sergeant Phillip A. Jordan.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 722

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 722 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 25, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House