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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.