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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In times of great peril throughout the history of
2 our nation, men and women of the United States military have gone
3 bravely into battle; and

4 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Private Nolen Ryan Hutchings embarked
5 from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in support of our nation's
6 campaign to liberate Iraqi citizens from oppression; he was killed
7 in action when his unit helped to secure a bridge near Nasiriyah,
8 Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Private Hutchings was a young man who took great
10 pleasure in seeing others smile and treasured the strong Christian
11 faith that sustained him on and off the battlefield; he died March
12 23, 2003, for the hopes and dreams of men and women in his country
13 and so that men and women in a far away country could also hope and
14 dream; and

15 WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to
16 fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences,
17 were demonstrated by this valorous American; the State of Texas and
18 the nation now mourn the loss of Nolen Ryan Hutchings: a soldier for
19 a brief period, a hero forever; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor the life of Nolen Ryan Hutchings and
22 extend to his family deepest sympathy: to his mother and
23 stepfather, Carolyn and Larry Hutchings; to his father and
24 stepmother, Edward Brown and Frankie Brown; to his sisters, Crystal

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1 Vance and Heather Brown; and to his many friends; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
4 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Private
5 Nolen Ryan Hutchings.