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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Corporal Brian Matthew  
2 Kennedy of Houston suffered a great loss with the passing of this  
3 courageous young man at the age of 25 during the Iraqi campaign; and

4           WHEREAS, Corporal Kennedy, crew chief of a CH-46E Sea Knight  
5 helicopter, was lost with three fellow U.S. marines and eight  
6 British marines when their aircraft went down during the coalition  
7 drive on Umm Qasr, in southern Iraq, on March 20-21, 2003; and

8           WHEREAS, A five-year U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Corporal  
9 Kennedy joined the service in 1999 and trained as a CH-46 Sea Knight  
10 helicopter mechanic and crew chief; before his deployment to the  
11 Persian Gulf, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California; and

12           WHEREAS, This accomplished marine was raised in Glenview,  
13 Illinois, and attended Glenbrook South High School, where he earned  
14 membership in the National Honor Society and excelled at athletics;  
15 his skills on the gridiron helped his football team reach the  
16 conference championship game his junior year, while his prowess  
17 with a stick won him selection to the all-state lacrosse team; and

18           WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in 1995, Corporal  
19 Kennedy studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University and  
20 Texas Tech University; he also played lacrosse while at Purdue and  
21 joined the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and

22           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, he especially enjoyed the  
23 challenges of rock climbing, the pleasures of golf, and the rewards  
24 of cooking and grilling; and

1           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to the nation's  
2 military personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this  
3 country's history and whose efforts and sacrifice in their  
4 country's behalf are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest  
5 gratitude; and

6           WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
7 his country, Corporal Kennedy embodied the highest ideals of the  
8 armed services, and the blessing of his life will be forever  
9 cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and  
10 friendship; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Corporal  
13 Brian Matthew Kennedy and extend sincere sympathy to his family and  
14 many friends; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Corporal  
18 Brian Matthew Kennedy.