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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jim Axelrod, a correspondent for CBS News, was  
2 embedded with the 3rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during the  
3 conflict in Iraq, risking his personal safety to provide Americans  
4 with news of the campaign; and

5           WHEREAS, A New Brunswick, New Jersey, native, Mr. Axelrod  
6 graduated from Cornell University in 1985 with a bachelor of arts  
7 degree in history and from Brown University in 1989 with a master of  
8 arts in history; his outstanding educational background truly  
9 serves him well as a reporter of world events that shape the future  
10 of mankind; and

11           WHEREAS, This accomplished newsman began his career in  
12 broadcast journalism at WVII-TV in Bangor, Maine, and over the next  
13 several years he worked in many capacities, including reporter and  
14 producer at several stations in New York and North Carolina; in  
15 1996, Mr. Axelrod joined CBS News, working in Miami and Dallas  
16 before joining the bureau in New York; and

17           WHEREAS, Dangerous assignments are not new to Mr. Axelrod; he  
18 has previously covered the war and refugee crisis in the Balkans,  
19 the hostage crisis in Peru, and the erupting volcano in Montserrat;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, The long hours of constant vigilance required by  
22 this perilous assignment, the extremes of weather, and the spartan  
23 accommodations attending embedded journalists did not daunt  
24 Mr. Axelrod's tenacious pursuit of accurate and timely information

1 on the war effort; and

2 WHEREAS, His expectant wife, Christina, and two young  
3 children proudly supported the bravery and persistence displayed by  
4 Mr. Axelrod as he strove to relate the truth of America's military  
5 efforts to free a nation from the stranglehold of tyranny; and

6 WHEREAS, This notable gentleman exhibited on a world stage  
7 the value and meaningful contributions of a free press, often  
8 putting his own safety in jeopardy in order to provide his country  
9 with truthful and accurate reports; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend Jim Axelrod for his journalistic  
12 integrity and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
13 success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Axelrod as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.