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H.R. No. 1176

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of U.S. Marine Major Jay Thomas
2 Aubin, who perished in the line of duty on March 21, 2003, at the age
3 of 36, has left a void in the lives of the family, friends, and
4 comrades-in-arms of this dedicated soldier; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Skowhegan, Maine, on August 8, 1966, Major
6 Aubin was serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom when he and 11 others
7 were killed after their CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed in
8 Kuwait, nine miles from the Iraqi border; and

9 WHEREAS, Major Aubin enlisted in the Marine Corps in March
10 1984 and was trained as an aircraft mechanic; after his transfer to
11 the Marine Corps Reserve in 1989, he earned a bachelor's degree in
12 business management from the University of Southern Maine and
13 rejoined the corps a short time later; and

14 WHEREAS, Commissioned a second lieutenant in 1993, Major
15 Aubin began flight school in Pensacola, Florida, in March 1995 and
16 winged as a naval aviator on December 13, 1996; he was subsequently
17 transferred to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 204 at Marine
18 Corps Air Station New River for training on the CH-46 Sea Knight
19 helicopter; and

20 WHEREAS, Major Aubin's most recent assignment was to Marine
21 Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing
22 at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona; he graduated from
23 the station's weapons and tactics course in 2000 and had returned to
24 serve as CH-46 weapons and tactics instructor; and

1 WHEREAS, A lifelong lover of aviation, Major Aubin was a
2 credit to his country and to his fellow Marines; his passing will be
3 mourned by the family members and friends he has left behind, and
4 his dedicated service to his fellow Americans will not soon be
5 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Major Jay Thomas Aubin
8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Rhonda Aubin; to his children, Alicia and Nathan Aubin; to his
10 mother and stepfather, Nancy and Philip Chamberlain; to his father
11 and stepmother, Thomas and Carol Aubin; to his brothers, Joel and
12 Jeffrey Aubin; to his grandmother, Juliette Willette; to his
13 stepbrother, Terry Chamberlain; to his stepsister, Sharon Barnett;
14 and to the many other relatives and friends of this beloved and
15 respected American soldier; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Major Jay
19 Thomas Aubin.