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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens across this state and nation are profoundly
2 thankful for the safe recovery of Private First Class Patrick Wayne
3 Miller of Park City, Kansas, who was taken prisoner during the Iraqi
4 campaign and held for three harrowing weeks; and

5 WHEREAS, Private Miller was among a group of soldiers from
6 the 507th Maintenance Company that was ambushed in southern Iraq on
7 March 23, 2003; he and four other survivors of the attack were held
8 in solitary confinement in Baghdad for 12 to 15 days before being
9 moved to a series of other locations; they were rescued on April 13,
10 2003, by Marines with the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance
11 Battalion who were advancing toward Tikrit; and

12 WHEREAS, Stationed at Fort Bliss, Private Miller deployed
13 with his unit to the Persian Gulf on February 17, 2003; during the
14 dark and uncertain days while he was held prisoner, his family and
15 friends found a degree of comfort in knowing that he would be able
16 to draw on his strong will and determination to help see him
17 through; and

18 WHEREAS, This courageous soldier grew up in Valley Center,
19 Kansas, and graduated from Valley Center High School in 1998; he and
20 his wife, Jessa, are the proud parents of a son, Tyler, and
21 daughter, Makenzie; and

22 WHEREAS, Friends and former neighbors in Valley Center held a
23 parade in Private Miller's honor on May 10, 2003, and Kansas
24 governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Kansas Legislature have

1 expressed a personal welcome to him at the Statehouse in Topeka; and

2 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by Private Miller and his fellow
3 soldiers while serving their country in Iraq have earned the
4 heartfelt gratitude of all Americans, who now join his family,
5 friends, and members of this body in applauding his safe return;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Private First Class Patrick Wayne Miller
9 on the joyful occasion of his return from Iraq and extend to him
10 deep appreciation for his brave and steadfast service in his
11 country's behalf; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Private Miller as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.