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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The safe recovery of six members of the 507th  
2 Maintenance Company, United States Army, who had been taken  
3 prisoner in Iraq, has been cause for thanksgiving and celebration  
4 across the length and breadth of this country; and

5           WHEREAS, Specialist Edgar Adan Hernandez, Specialist Joseph  
6 Neal Hudson, Specialist Shoshana Nyree Johnson, Private First Class  
7 Jessica D. Lynch, Private First Class Patrick Wayne Miller, and  
8 Sergeant James J. Riley were captured during an ambush in southern  
9 Iraq on March 23, 2003; nine other members of their unit died as a  
10 result of the attack; and

11           WHEREAS, In the days of fearful uncertainty that followed the  
12 ambush, Americans hung on news coverage of the war, hoping for an  
13 encouraging word about the fate of these prisoners; on April 1 the  
14 country received with elation the announcement that Private Lynch  
15 had been found in an Iraqi hospital and returned to American forces;  
16 two long weeks later, on April 13, military authorities relayed the  
17 joyful news that the five remaining prisoners from the 507th had  
18 been rescued by Marines in northern Iraq; and

19           WHEREAS, Private Lynch is presently being treated at Walter  
20 Reed Army Medical Center for injuries she sustained in the fighting  
21 on March 23, and it is hoped that she will be released from that  
22 facility in June; her five comrades returned to an ecstatic welcome  
23 at Fort Bliss on April 19, 2003, and subsequently received leave to  
24 spend time with their families; and

1           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to these six  
2 courageous soldiers for their devotion to duty and their country  
3 and for the great sacrifice they have made in this nation's behalf;  
4 as they continue to recover from the hardships they have endured,  
5 may they know that they remain in the thoughts and hearts of  
6 countless fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Specialist Edgar Adan Hernandez,  
9 Specialist Joseph Neal Hudson, Specialist Shoshana Nyree Johnson,  
10 Private First Class Jessica D. Lynch, Private First Class Patrick  
11 Wayne Miller, and Sergeant James J. Riley for their valorous  
12 service as members of the United States Army and extend to them  
13 sincere appreciation for their heroic efforts; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
15 for these esteemed men and women as an expression of high regard by  
16 the Texas House of Representatives.