

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The people of South Texas have a long and proud  
2 tradition of service in the armed forces of the United States, and  
3 Jose Simon Franco has sustained that tradition through his valiant  
4 efforts in the Iraqi campaign; and

5           WHEREAS, A three-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Franco  
6 saw duty in the Persian Gulf while stationed on the aircraft carrier  
7 USS *Constellation*; his ship set sail from its home port in San Diego  
8 Bay on November 2, 2002, in preparation for war with Iraq, and  
9 returns to San Diego on June 2, 2003; Mr. Franco is the son of Simon  
10 Franco and a graduate of Edcouch-Elsa High School; and

11           WHEREAS, On April 10, 2003, citizens of the Delta area  
12 gathered at the city hall in Elsa to pay tribute to Mr. Franco and  
13 other courageous service members from the surrounding communities;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña has justly recognized  
16 Jose Simon Franco in the Texas House of Representatives, for  
17 citizens across the country owe this resolute American and his  
18 fellow servicemen an immeasurable debt of gratitude for the burdens  
19 and sacrifice they have assumed, and for their unwavering  
20 dedication to those rights and ideals that have made this nation,  
21 for so many around the world, the promised land; now, therefore, be  
22 it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor Jose Simon Franco for his service in the

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1 Iraqi war and extend to him profound appreciation for his brave and  
2 steadfast efforts in this country's behalf; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mr. Franco as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1747 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House