

By: Pena

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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.