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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Randall Doyle, Jr., of the U.S. Navy and Eloy
2 Cardenas of the U.S. Marine Corps, best friends since childhood,
3 have both served valiantly in the Iraqi campaign; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Cardenas have counted each other
5 as a brother since they attended Cunningham Middle School in Galena
6 Park; they graduated in the North Shore High School class of 1999,
7 and within a year each had enlisted in the service; though Petty
8 Officer Doyle was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and
9 Corporal Cardenas at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina, they remained
10 in touch by e-mail and cell phone; and

11 WHEREAS, Before the commencement of the Iraqi campaign, the
12 friends were both deployed to Kuwait; while bivouacked in the
13 desert there, Corporal Cardenas set out on foot one morning to try
14 to find his buddy, knowing only that he was stationed with the
15 Seventh Marines; miraculously, after making inquiries for an hour,
16 he not only located his pal but discovered that their tents were
17 only a three-minute walk apart; and

18 WHEREAS, The two men were separated again when the war began;
19 Corporal Cardenas, a combat engineer, moved north toward Baghdad
20 with his unit and saw action in firefights at Basra and at the
21 Tigris River; meanwhile Petty Officer Doyle, a medic, also advanced
22 toward the capital, primarily treating injured Iraqi citizens along
23 the way; once in Baghdad, the men were able to celebrate yet another
24 reunion; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout their arduous assignment in Iraq, these
2 courageous soldiers have been sustained by their deep friendship
3 and by the love of their families back home; Corporal Cardenas is
4 married to his high school sweetheart, Priscilla, whom he wed in
5 November 2002; the men's parents are Nat and Vickie Cardenas and
6 Randall and Frances Doyle, who consider each other's son as their
7 own; and

8 WHEREAS, Eloy Cardenas and Randall Doyle have demonstrated a
9 resolute commitment to duty, honor, and their country, and
10 Americans everywhere owe these men an immeasurable debt of
11 gratitude for the burdens and sacrifice they have assumed in behalf
12 of all their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Eloy Cardenas and Randall Doyle, Jr., for
15 their brave and steadfast service and extend to them sincere
16 appreciation for their heroic efforts; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
18 for these exemplary servicemen as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.