WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to recognize the thousands of servicemen and servicewomen who are serving our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, These patriotic Americans, along with their families, have made many personal sacrifices in this effort to protect and defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, For their service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, these brave members of the armed forces have earned the gratitude and the high regard and respect of their neighbors, their communities, and their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, Several servicemen from Senate District 12 have contributed their skills and their expertise to the success of the operation in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Captain Edward R. Palacios, United States Army Reserve, is a member of our military forces deployed to Iraq; by giving selflessly of himself on behalf of his country, he is an inspiration to citizens in his community and across our great state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Captain Edward R. Palacios and all the other outstanding members of the armed forces who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this gallant American and his comrades as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.
President of the Senate
I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 9, 2003 .

Secretary of the Senate

