

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1016

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Captain Michael Ogden for his exemplary service to his country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Michael graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1998 and joined the Marines; he was assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; on August 26, 2002, he left with his unit on a six-month peacekeeping mission in Kosovo and a humanitarian aid mission in Bahrain, Djibouti and the United Arab Emirates; and

WHEREAS, The unit off-loaded in Kuwait and then was sent to Iraq, where Michael commanded a Combined Arms Anti-Tank Special Operations Capable platoon of 80 personnel with 40 Humvees; during its search and destroy missions in Iraq, the unit reclaimed the body of a Marine who had been tortured and killed; and

WHEREAS, After two extensions on the arrival date home, Michael's 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned safely to North Carolina on May 26, 2003, and Michael met his son, Gabriel, for the first time; the firstborn child of Michael and his wife, Lisa, and the grandchild of Senator Steve Ogden and Beverly Ogden, was born February 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas and the nation are grateful to Captain Ogden for the courage he has shown during his military missions and in defending his country's ideals during Operation Iraqi Freedom; the Senate united in prayer and celebrated his return to our great country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
78th Legislature, hereby commend United States Marine Corps
Captain Michael Ogden on his humanitarian missions and his
service to his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom and extend
to him a welcome back with family and friends and best wishes for
the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 30, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate