SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1063

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Martin Guzman Fulgencio for his outstanding service to his country in Iraq as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Martin Fulgencio joined the Marines soon after he graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, Michigan, in June of 2001; he was in boot camp in San Diego, California, at the time of the September 11, 2001, tragedy; following training, he returned to Michigan, where he served with his reserve unit; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2003, his unit was activated and deployed to Kuwait and then to Iraq to serve our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, During Operation Iraqi Freedom Corporal Fulgencio's unit was assigned the critically essential mission of providing purified water to advancing coalition forces in an area of the world where harsh desert conditions challenge human survival; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Fulgencio is a hygiene equipment operator with the Utilities Platoon, 6th Engineer Support Battalion; as a member of the platoon, he has helped take raw, salty, and dirty water from the Euphrates River and turn it into potable water for his fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, On the original mission he and his fellow Marines responded rapidly to this critical need, producing and distributing within 16 hours more than 47,000 gallons of purified water to the advancing coalition forces; the unit has continued to produce 90,000 to 110,000 gallons of water a day; and

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WHEREAS, This young Marine has rendered exemplary service to his fellow soldiers under the difficult conditions of war in a harsh climate, and he deserves recognition for his invaluable contributions to our troops and our country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

78th Legislature, hereby commend Martin Guzman Fulgencio for his outstanding service to his nation and extend to him wholehearted best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate