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H.R. No. 198

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Corporal Steven P. Gill of
2 Round Rock suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this
3 courageous young Marine on July 21, 2005, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Stirred to defend his country after the events of
5 September 11, he signed up for service in 2002 and learned to scuba
6 dive and parachute behind enemy lines, earning the elite
7 designation of Recon Marine; assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance
8 Battalion, 4th Marine Division, which is based in San Antonio, he
9 had been stationed in Iraq for four months when he was killed in
10 action near Zaidon; and

11 WHEREAS, Steve Gill was a 1999 graduate of Westwood High
12 School and a member of the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Round
13 Rock; he went on mission trips with the church to various locales,
14 including a Native American reservation in Oklahoma, where he
15 helped to repair and restore buildings; while studying to be a youth
16 minister at Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, and in
17 Austin, he helped lead youth and teen groups at his church; and

18 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men
19 and women whose love for their country inspires them to military
20 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a
21 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Corporal Gill will be sorely
22 missed by his family, friends, and fellow Marines, and his bravery
23 and sacrifice will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
2 Corporal Steven P. Gill and extend profound sympathy to the members
3 of his family: to his parents, Bill and Rose Gill; to his brother,
4 James; to his grandmother, Delia Camero; to his second parents, Ron
5 and Sherilyn Jones; to his lifelong friend, Scott; and to his other
6 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
10 Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill.