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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since the Marine Corps' creation by the Continental
2 Congress in 1775, the Corps has served valiantly in combat and
3 supportive military roles in every conflict in which the United
4 States has been involved since the Revolutionary War, including the
5 two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other
6 international conflicts, distinguishing itself as an integral part
7 of the United States armed forces; and

8 WHEREAS, Acting under its own command structure within the
9 Department of the Navy, the United States Marine Corps plays a
10 crucial role in protecting national security by maintaining ready
11 expeditionary forces, amphibious and integrated air and ground
12 units for combat and contingency operations, protecting United
13 States embassies around the world, and providing crucial support in
14 disaster relief operations, but the name of the Department of the
15 Navy and the title of its secretary do not reflect the Corps'
16 significant role within the department or the individual Marines'
17 traditional pride as members of the Corps in their service and
18 sacrifice; and

19 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps and the Navy work as two distinct
20 and valuable members of a partnership within the Department of the
21 Navy by employing a cooperative operational support structure while
22 maintaining their own discrete missions, and changing the name of
23 the Department of the Navy to include the name of the Marine Corps
24 would accurately represent the importance of the Marine Corps in

1 the unique partnership of these two historically proud branches of
2 the United States military; and

3 WHEREAS, Changing the name of the Department of the Navy to
4 the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps and the title of the
5 Secretary of the Navy to Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps
6 would reflect the crucial role the Marine Corps plays in protecting
7 national security and honor the service and sacrifice of the men and
8 women who risk their lives on a daily basis, proudly wearing the
9 Marine Corps uniform as members of the United States military; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
12 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the
13 United States to pass legislation redesignating the Department of
14 the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps and
15 redesignating the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy
16 and Marine Corps; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
18 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
19 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
20 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
21 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
22 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
23 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.