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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The knowledge that their homes and families are 2 being lovingly cared for in their absence offers soldiers 3 immeasurable comfort and solace, and for more than a year, while 4 Sergeant Jerry Goodson was serving his country as part of the 2nd 5 Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team of the 6 36th Infantry Division in Iraq, his wife, Ladonna Goodson, was 7 sustaining their North Texas household; and

8 WHEREAS, With remarkable perseverance and courage, this 9 esteemed Texan successfully shouldered responsibilities alone that 10 had once been shared; indeed, without the assistance of her spouse, 11 the burden of managing the home was sometimes great and Mrs. Goodson 12 must have often felt the painful ache of separation particularly 13 familiar to wives of servicemen; and

14 WHEREAS, Difficult times are frequently eased by crucial connections with others, and Mrs. Goodson was part of a caring and 15 helpful community of women whose husbands were deployed with one 16 another; reaching out to each other in times of need, the women 17 18 provided an important source of empathy and encouragement; never losing sight of what bound them together, they organized 19 fund-raising efforts to purchase and send supplies to their men in 20 21 Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout history women have been an integral part 23 of wartime endeavors, whether as soldiers themselves, nurses, 24 factory workers, or loved ones offering their spouses a vital link

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home, and in her steadfast attention to domestic duties while her husband was stationed in Iraq, Ladonna Goodson has earned a place in this most respected legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Ladonna Goodson for her dedicated and resolute support of the household during the deployment of her husband, Sergeant Jerry Goodson, in Iraq and extend to both of them sincere best wishes for a prosperous and happy future together; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for Mrs. Goodson and her husband as an expression of high 12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 190 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House