

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corps Captain Van Taylor of Dallas, who
2 has served his country with distinction in Iraq, is a source of
3 great pride to his country and his home state; and

4 WHEREAS, Commanding the largest platoon of the 2nd Force
5 Reconnaissance Company, Captain Taylor and his unit foiled several
6 Fedayeen ambushes, assisted in the rescue of U.S. prisoners of war,
7 and rescued dozens of wounded comrades under fire; he successfully
8 completed every mission assigned and, more importantly, brought all
9 of his troops safely back to their families; and

10 WHEREAS, His unwavering courage and dedication earned
11 Captain Taylor a host of prestigious accolades, including the Navy
12 Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit
13 Citation, Navy Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, and
14 Navy Achievement Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, A Dallas native and honors graduate of Harvard
16 College and Business School, Captain Taylor has worked with
17 McKinsey and Company, Trammell Crow, and Churchill Capital Co. as a
18 real estate investment banker; he earned a commission as a second
19 lieutenant at Marine Corps Officer School and in 2002 joined C
20 Company, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion; and

21 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan also has written and
22 published several articles and is currently working on a book,
23 *Brothers by Fire*, on his experiences during the Iraq War; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to

1 Captain Taylor and to all of the country's military personnel, for
2 they are called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens, and
3 they render service and sacrifice that is truly beyond measure; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
5 this nation, Van Taylor embodies the highest ideals of the United
6 States armed forces, and it is indeed a privilege to join in
7 welcoming him home; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby commend Van Taylor for his exemplary commitment to his
10 family, his community, and his nation and extend to him heartfelt
11 best wishes for success and happiness in the coming years; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Captain Taylor as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 216 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 216 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor