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H.C.R. No. 216

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.