

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Corporal Joseph E. Fite of
2 Round Rock have suffered an immeasurable loss with his passing on
3 January 9, 2005, in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the United States Marine Forces Reserve,
5 Corporal Fite was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine
6 Regiment, 4th Marine Division; stationed in Al Anbar Province, he
7 helped to provide security for one of Iraq's highways, a job that
8 often involved escorting military convoys; he was manning a
9 checkpoint when he was mortally injured by hostile action; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Fite graduated from Round Rock High School
11 and attended The University of Texas at Austin, where his prowess on
12 the trombone earned him a place in the Longhorn Band; and

13 WHEREAS, Drawn to the Marine Corps by its rigorous standards,
14 Corporal Fite joined the Marine Junior ROTC while a freshman in high
15 school and continued in the program through his senior year; he
16 subsequently signed on with the reserve and went through boot camp
17 and infantry training in California; in 2004 he was called up for
18 full-time active duty and was soon promoted to corporal; and

19 WHEREAS, A man who gave his best effort to everything he cared
20 about, this courageous Texan performed his dangerous mission with
21 dedication and professionalism; his unfaltering devotion to duty,
22 honor, and his country reflected the highest ideals of the armed
23 forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that the
24 passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Corporal
3 Joseph E. Fite and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
4 family: to his parents, Marcia and Olin Fite; to his sisters and
5 brothers, Jennifer Brimberry and Sarah, Thomas, and Michael Fite;
6 and to all who mourn the passing of this beloved young man; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Corporal
11 Joseph E. Fite.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
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H.R. No. 382

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 382 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House