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H.R. No. 382

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.