RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal 2 Wesley Joel Canning suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of 3 this valiant soldier on November 10, 2004, at the age of 21; and WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd 4 5 Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Lance Corporal 6 Canning died in the Al Anbar province of Iraq during the drive on 7 Fallujah and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart; and WHEREAS, Fulfilling a lifelong dream of serving his country, 8 9 this outstanding young man joined the U.S. Marines following his 2002 graduation from Friendswood High School and was first deployed 10 11 to Iraq during the initial invasion; at the time of his death he was 12 serving his second tour of duty; and 13 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and 14 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary husband, son, and 15

those who knew and loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Marine

Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Chayla; to his parents, Joe and JoEllen Canning; to his brother, Russell; to his sisters, Anna,

brother is a sobering reminder of the cost of war; Lance Corporal

Canning embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and

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- 1 Liz, and Amanda; to his other family members, including Mark and
- 2 Corina Foster, Russell and Martha Sanders, Jerry and Mary Sanders,
- 3 Jeff and Tracy Canning, Kim and Jimmy Canning, Johnny and Gwen
- 4 Canning, and Mike and Cathy Kramer; and to his other relatives and
- 5 friends; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
- 9 Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 522 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 23, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House