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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd
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

8 WHEREAS, Fulfilling a lifelong dream of serving his country,
9 this outstanding young man joined the U.S. Marines following his
10 2002 graduation from Friendswood High School and was first deployed
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
15 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary husband, son, and
16 brother is a sobering reminder of the cost of war; Lance Corporal
17 Canning embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and
18 those who knew and loved him will forever carry him close in their
19 hearts; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Marine
22 Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning and extend deepest sympathy to
23 the members of his family: to his wife, Chayla; to his parents, Joe
24 and JoEllen Canning; to his brother, Russell; to his sisters, Anna,

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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.