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H.R. No. 541

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal  
2 Rhonald Dain Rairdan of San Antonio suffered an immeasurable loss  
3 with the death of this valiant soldier on January 26, 2005, at the  
4 age of 20; and

5           WHEREAS, A machine gunner, Dain Rairdan died in the crash of a  
6 Super Stallion transport helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq; and

7           WHEREAS, This brave young Texan was born on April 22, 1984, at  
8 Eglin Air Force Base in Florida into a family with a proud military  
9 tradition that goes back generations; reared in Medina County, he  
10 was a 2003 graduate of Medina Valley High School, where he was a  
11 member of the Junior ROTC Blackhawks Drill Team; following high  
12 school, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of joining the U.S. Marine  
13 Corps; and

14           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
15 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military  
16 service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man is a  
17 sobering reminder of the cost of war; Lance Corporal Rairdan  
18 embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed Forces, and those who  
19 knew and loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of U.S. Marine  
23 Lance Corporal Rhonald Dain Rairdan and extend deepest sympathy to  
24 the members of his family: to his parents, David and Kimberly Wilmot

1 Rairdan; to his brother, William Kyle Rairdan; to his grandparents,  
2 William and Barbara Wilmot and Janice and Carl Zechner; and to the  
3 other family members and many friends of this beloved young man;  
4 and, be it further

5         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine  
8 Lance Corporal Rhonald Dain Rairdan.