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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Reserves  
2 Corporal Zachary Alan Kolda of Corpus Christi and Austin are  
3 mourning the tragic death of this beloved young man who was killed  
4 in Iraq on December 1, 2004, at the age of 23; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd  
6 Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Corporal Kolda died as a  
7 result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Kolda was a 2000 graduate of Richard King  
9 High School in Corpus Christi who majored in international business  
10 at The University of Texas at Austin before his deployment; he  
11 appreciated and enjoyed other cultures and spent a year of his high  
12 school education studying in Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the dangers that he faced and the  
14 intensity of war that only those engaged in it can fully know, this  
15 brave Texan remained courageously steadfast in his commitment to  
16 his mission and to his fellow soldiers; and

17 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
18 women whose love for their country inspires them to volunteer for  
19 military service, yet the tragic death of this exemplary young man  
20 is a sobering reminder of the cost of war; Zachary Kolda embodied  
21 the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed Forces, and those who knew and  
22 cherished him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
23 therefore, be it

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

1 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Zachary Alan  
2 Kolda and extend profound sympathy to his family: to his beloved  
3 wife, Arleen Rene Kolda; to his parents, Patrick Kolda and Paula  
4 Smith Kolda; to his brother, Ian Kolda; to his surviving  
5 grandparents, Frank and Martha Kolda; and to his extended Smith,  
6 Kolda, and Canales families and many friends; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
9 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S.  
10 Marine Reserves Corporal Zachary Alan Kolda.

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