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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Richard Nolen of Terrell sustained injuries in combat, and this brave and dedicated soldier is most deserving of our highest praise for risking his life in service to his country; and

WHEREAS, While working to keep the peace in Iraq, Lance Corporal Nolen, team leader in Company K, was hit by fragments from an improvised explosive device, narrowly escaping with his life; the heroic efforts of this courageous soldier earned him a Purple Heart, bestowed on only those members of the U.S. military who are wounded or killed by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

WHEREAS, The son of Kennedy Elementary School principal Judy Mackey, this courageous young man is expected to return home this spring, which will bring great joy to his family and his new bride, Jennifer Nolen; and

WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and this country, Lance Corporal Nolen has embodied the highest ideals of the armed forces and earned the lasting respect and gratitude of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby honor U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Richard Nolen for his brave and steadfast service in this nation's behalf and extend to him sincere best wishes for a swift and full recovery; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for Lance Corporal Nolen as an expression of high regard by
- 3 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1010 was adopted by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House