

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David Leeson was awarded in April 2004 the Pulitzer  
2 Prize for Breaking News Photography for coverage of the invasion of  
3 Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Leeson spent nearly two months imbedded with the  
5 U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division taking photos as U.S. forces  
6 advanced on Baghdad, and the photos appeared on the pages of major  
7 daily newspapers around the world; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition to receiving the Pulitzer Prize, Mr.  
9 Leeson has received numerous other awards, including two Robert F.  
10 Kennedy Journalism Awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, an Emmy  
11 Award, and the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award from Abilene  
12 Christian University; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Leeson graduated from Abilene Christian  
14 University in 1978 with a degree in journalism and mass  
15 communication; he has worked for the *Abilene Reporter-News* and the  
16 *Times-Picayune/The States Item* in New Orleans, and continues to be  
17 a senior photographer for the *Dallas Morning News* since joining the  
18 staff in 1984; and

19           WHEREAS, He has taken photos of armed conflicts in Angola,  
20 Kuwait, and Nicaragua; civil wars in Panama, Peru, and Sudan;  
21 apartheid in South Africa; homelessness in Dallas, Texas; the Gulf  
22 War; earthquakes in Turkey; and death row in American prisons; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Leeson is supported by his lovely wife, Kim  
24 Ritzenthaler, who is also a photographer for the *Dallas Morning*

1 News; his mother and father of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Leeson;  
2 and his sister of Abilene, Debra, and her friend, Stanley Wilson;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend David Leeson for receiving the 2004  
6 Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the invasion of Iraq and for the  
7 widespread respect he has earned for photojournalism; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Leeson as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

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| Anchia           | Goodman             | Moreno of El Paso |
| Anderson         | Goolsby             | Morrison          |
| Bailey           | Griggs              | Mowery            |
| Baxter           | Grusendorf          | Naishtat          |
| Berman           | Guillen             | Nixon             |
| Blake            | Haggerty            | Noriega           |
| Bohac            | Hamilton            | Oliveira          |
| Bonnen           | Hamric              | Olivo             |
| Branch           | Hardcastle          | Orr               |
| Brown of Kaufman | Harper-Brown        | Otto              |
| Brown of Brazos  | Hartnett            | Paxton            |
| Burnam           | Hegar               | Pena              |
| Callegari        | Herrero             | Phillips          |
| Campbell         | Hilderbran          | Pickett           |
| Casteel          | Hill                | Pitts             |
| Castro           | Hochberg            | Puente            |
| Chavez           | Hodge               | Quintanilla       |
| Chisum           | Homer               | Raymond           |
| Coleman          | Hope                | Reyna             |
| Cook of Navarro  | Hopson              | Riddle            |
| Cook of Colorado | Howard              | Ritter            |
| Corte            | Hughes              | Rodriguez         |
| Crabb            | Hunter              | Rose              |
| Crownover        | Hupp                | Seaman            |
| Davis of Harris  | Isett               | Smith of Tarrant  |
| Davis of Dallas  | Jackson             | Smith of Harris   |
| Dawson           | Jones of Lubbock    | Smithee           |
| Delisi           | Jones of Dallas     | Solis             |
| Denny            | Keel                | Solomons          |
| Deshotel         | Keffer of Dallas    | Strama            |
| Driver           | Keffer of Eastland  | Straus            |
| Dukes            | King of Parker      | Swinford          |
| Dunnam           | King of Zavala      | Talton            |
| Dutton           | Kolkhorst           | Taylor            |
| Edwards          | Krusee              | Thompson          |
| Eiland           | Kuempel             | Truitt            |
| Eissler          | Laney               | Turner            |
| Elkins           | Laubenberg          | Uresti            |
| Escobar          | Leibowitz           | Van Arsdale       |
| Farabee          | Luna                | Veasey            |
| Farrar           | Madden              | Villarreal        |
| Flores           | Martinez            | Vo                |
| Flynn            | Martinez Fischer    | West              |
| Frost            | McCall              | Wong              |
| Gallego          | McClendon           | Woolley           |
| Gattis           | McReynolds          | Zedler            |

H.R. No. 1520

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1520 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House