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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 also received numerous other awards, including two
10 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, an
11 Emmy Award and the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award by 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, 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 and brother-in-law of Abilene, Debra and Stephen
3 Jeter; 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 for photojournalism; and, be it further

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