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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Clinton Willis Barkley of Bedford has returned stateside after sustaining injuries in Iraq, and he is most deserving of our highest praise for risking his life in service to his country; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 4, 2005, this dedicated soldier was injured 6 while conducting a reconnaissance mission in Fallujah, and his 7 heroic actions and unwavering courage in combat have earned him the 8 Purple Heart; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Barkley is the son of proud parents 10 Robert Barkley and Debby Reeves; born in Arlington and reared in 11 Bedford, he attended L. D. Bell High School, where he played on the 12 Blue Raider football team and was a member of the Fellowship of 13 Christian Athletes; after receiving his diploma in 2001, he 14 enlisted in the Marines and graduated from boot camp in September of 15 that year; and

16 WHEREAS, Since joining the armed forces, Lance Corporal 17 Barkley has been promoted twice and completed Basic Reconnaissance 18 Course, Jump School, and the Survival Evasion Resistance Escape 19 School (SERE); in January 2003, he was deployed to Iraq, where he 20 served six months in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan was deployed for a second tour 22 in February 2005; stationed at Camp Fallujah, he once again served 23 his nation with distinction and honor; and

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WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to Lance

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Corporal Barkley and to all of the country's military personnel, for they are called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens, and they render service and sacrifice that is truly beyond measure; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and 6 this nation, Clinton Barkley embodies the highest ideals of the 7 U.S. armed forces, and it is indeed a privilege to join in welcoming 8 him home; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 10 Legislature hereby commend U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Clinton 11 Willis Barkley for his service in Iraq and extend to him best wishes 12 for a swift and complete recovery from his injuries; and, be it 13 further

14 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared 15 for Lance Corporal Barkley and his parents, Robert Barkley and 16 Debby Reeves, as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of 17 Representatives.

> Goodman Smith of Tarrant

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I certify that H.R. No. 2056 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House