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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Clinton Willis Barkley of
2 Bedford has returned stateside after sustaining injuries in Iraq,
3 and he is most deserving of our highest praise for risking his life
4 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

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to Lance

1 Corporal Barkley and to all of the country's military personnel,
2 for they are called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens,
3 and they render service and sacrifice that is truly beyond measure;
4 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.