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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Marine Sergeant Gary
2 S. Johnston of Windthorst suffered an immeasurable loss with the
3 death of this valiant young man on January 23, 2007, at the age of
4 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Johnston was killed while bravely serving
6 his country during combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, as
7 a radio operator with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine
8 Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and

9 WHEREAS, A 2003 graduate of Windthorst High School, Gary
10 Johnston was known for his friendly, laid-back attitude and for his
11 commitment to meeting the demanding goals he set for himself; he
12 excelled at sports and was named to the all-district football team
13 his senior year; following graduation, he joined the Marine Corps
14 and fulfilled a long-held dream to pursue a career in the military;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, He performed his duties with great distinction
17 during his tenure in the Marine Corps, earning promotion to the rank
18 of sergeant as well as the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal,
19 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and a National Defense
20 Service Medal, to name but a few; despite the dangerous nature of
21 his mission, he remained devoted to serving his country and was
22 intensely proud of the role he was playing in the Global War on
23 Terrorism; and

24 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed

1 forces, Gary Johnston inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity,
2 and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of
3 those who were fortunate enough to know him, they will forever carry
4 memories of this heroic young Texan close in their hearts; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gary S. Johnston and
8 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family and to his
9 other loved ones; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
13 Gary Johnston.