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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank J. Corte, Jr., has been awarded
2 a Bronze Star Medal, the nation's fourth highest combat award, for
3 his meritorious service in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, From January through August 2006, Colonel Corte was
5 a detachment commander and the officer in charge of the Governance
6 Support Team of the 3D Civil Affairs Group based in Al Anbar
7 Province in Iraq; in that capacity, he served as an advisor and
8 mentor to the provincial governor, and his vigilant supervision of
9 the Provincial Reconstruction Development Committee was essential
10 in the planning, approval, and continuation of vital rebuilding
11 projects that benefited more than a million Iraqis in the region;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Corte's duties were carried out in what is
14 often considered one of the most volatile areas of Iraq; in
15 completing his appointed mission, he and the members of his team
16 encountered insurgent forces who engaged in violent attacks against
17 U.S. forces, the provincial government, and the population in
18 general; and

19 WHEREAS, Rising to the challenge of these difficult
20 circumstances, this courageous officer was steadfast in his efforts
21 to improve government services and infrastructure; moreover, his
22 inspiring leadership helped encourage the governor, the provincial
23 council, and the directors general of Al Anbar Province to uphold
24 the democratic reforms instituted in the region and to carry on the

1 reconstruction process; and

2 WHEREAS, Valorous service of this type has been a hallmark of
3 Frank Corte's life; he first joined the Marine Corps in 1982, when
4 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served three years of
5 active duty; he then became a member of the Marine Corps Reserve and
6 was activated for the Gulf War in addition to carrying out
7 international assignments in locations such as Egypt and South
8 Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Corte's 2006 tour of duty in Iraq represents
10 yet another admirable achievement for this exceptional military and
11 civilian leader, and the members of this chamber take great
12 pleasure in paying tribute to Frank Corte, Jr., for upholding the
13 highest traditions of the Marine Corps and serving this nation with
14 honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Frank Corte, Jr., on
17 his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal for his actions in Iraq and
18 commend him for his exemplary service as a member of the United
19 States Armed Forces; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Colonel Corte as an expression of high regard by his
22 colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.