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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal
2 Stephen L. Morris of Lake Jackson suffered an immeasurable loss
3 with the death of this valiant soldier on December 24, 2006, at the
4 age of 21; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment,
6 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Lance Corporal
7 Morris was killed while serving his country during combat
8 operations in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on July 2, 1985, he graduated from Brazoswood
10 High School in 2004 and was active in the local First Baptist
11 Church; growing up in a coastal community, he developed a lifelong
12 passion for surfing and the sea; and

13 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Morris was known for his strong
14 Christian faith, which he carried with him to the barracks and the
15 battlefield, evangelizing to his fellow soldiers; he was stationed
16 in Hawaii and Afghanistan before his tour in Iraq, where he served
17 as a mortar man before being offered a position driving Humvees; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he
19 remained devoted to serving his country; he died for the flag he
20 chose to defend, and to pay tribute to this fallen hero, members of
21 his community raised hundreds of American flags in his memory; and

22 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
23 forces, Stephen Morris inspired others with his fortitude,
24 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives

1 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
2 young Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lance Corporal
5 Stephen L. Morris and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his
6 parents, Lloyd and Anna Morris; to his girlfriend, Lacey Uilani De
7 Guzman; to his sisters, Kristin Cochran and her husband, Daniel,
8 and Kathryn Morris; to his brother, Jonathan Morris; to his
9 grandmothers, Aleda Morris and Mae Bell Barton; to his nephew and
10 niece, Kason and Tayah Cochran; and to his other relatives and many
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of United
15 States Marine Lance Corporal Stephen L. Morris.