

By: Pena

H.R. No. 474

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corporal Rey Leal of Edinburg was  
2 awarded the Bronze Star with Valor device for his act of heroism  
3 during combat in Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, On December 12, 2004, while clearing houses in the  
5 city of Fallujah, he and fellow Marines recognized the sound of  
6 insurgent gun fire coming from a nearby home; Corporal Leal, a  
7 private first class at the time, courageously entered the house and  
8 discovered several wounded soldiers; after moving one to a secure  
9 location, he organized a group of Marines to help rescue his platoon  
10 sergeant, who was injured and trapped amid enemy fire; with the  
11 evacuation complete, he subsequently returned to the house and  
12 retrieved the sergeant's weapon; and

13           WHEREAS, Since then, Corporal Leal has often drawn on this  
14 experience in his role as a fire team leader for Company K, 3rd  
15 Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, helping prepare new Marines for  
16 combat in Iraq; and

17           WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and  
18 this nation, Rey Leal embodies the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
19 forces, and his bravery and dedicated service have earned him the  
20 sincere appreciation of his fellow Texans; and

21           WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized  
22 Corporal Leal by authoring this resolution in his behalf during the  
23 Regular Session of the 80th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be  
24 it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby commend Corporal Rey Leal for his heroic actions  
3   in Iraq and congratulate him on his receipt of the Bronze Star; and,  
4   be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6   prepared for Corporal Leal as an expression of high regard by the  
7   Texas House of Representatives.