

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal William Lewis Miller of Pearland, who  
2 died during combat duty in Iraq on November 15, 2004, at the age of  
3 22, served his country with valor and earned the profound  
4 appreciation of every American; and

5           WHEREAS, From the time he was very young, Billy Miller wanted  
6 to join the military; he enlisted in the Marines the summer before  
7 his senior year at Pearland High School, and in June 2001, three  
8 weeks after receiving his diploma, he left for basic training; and

9           WHEREAS, His first overseas tour of duty lasted nearly two  
10 years and took him to U.S. Naval Station Rota, Spain, where he was  
11 attached to a Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team; before he left  
12 Rota he had already earned a reputation as a "salt dog," the Marine  
13 term of respect for someone who is highly proficient at his job; and

14           WHEREAS, In March 2004, Corporal Miller transferred to Bravo  
15 Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division,  
16 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force; he deployed in June 2004 to Iraq,  
17 where he made the ultimate sacrifice while leading a mission in  
18 Fallujah, in Al Anbar province; and

19           WHEREAS, Endowed with an exuberant spirit, an irrepressible  
20 smile, and an affectionate, generous heart, Corporal Miller infused  
21 the world around him with laughter and joy; he wanted to attend  
22 college after returning to civilian life and, characteristically,  
23 planned to study psychology or psychiatry so that he could help  
24 others; a gifted athlete who played Little League baseball and

1 idolized Nolan Ryan, he also loved fishing and hunting and spending  
2 time with his sister's children; and

3 WHEREAS, In the midst of an arduous struggle, Corporal Miller  
4 always sought to be point, the man in front, and he carried out his  
5 heavy round of duties with unfailing dedication and  
6 professionalism; the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and  
7 commitment have had no finer champion, and all who knew and  
8 treasured this young Texan will forever remember him with infinite  
9 love and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lance Corporal  
12 William Lewis Miller and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
13 his family: to his parents, Susie and Lewis Miller; to his sister,  
14 Sabrina Blankenship, and her husband, Joe; to his half sister, Lisa  
15 Miller Story, and her husband, Ken; to his grandmother, Gloria H.  
16 Bailey; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance  
21 Corporal William Lewis Miller.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 603

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 603 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 28, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House