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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of
2 Lance Corporal Ryan Adam Miller of Pearland, who died in Iraq on
3 September 14, 2006, at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on October 9, 1986, Corporal Miller
5 attended Pearland High School but completed his secondary education
6 through instruction at home; a proud, third-generation Marine, he
7 enlisted in the corps shortly after his 18th birthday and graduated
8 from boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island on May
9 13, 2005; seven months later he was promoted to the rank of lance
10 corporal; and

11 WHEREAS, This courageous young man served with the 3rd
12 Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine
13 Expeditionary Force; he deployed to Iraq in March 2006, and during
14 his tour of duty there he earned the deep admiration and respect of
15 his fellow Marines; Corporal Miller was mortally wounded while
16 patrolling in Barwana, in Al Anbar province; and

17 WHEREAS, Raised in a loving family, Ryan Miller grew to be a
18 young man toward whom people were naturally drawn, attracted by his
19 unflinching kindness and warmth and his ready sense of humor; an
20 ardent fan of the Houston Astros, he played baseball with the Dad's
21 Club when he was a boy; and

22 WHEREAS, Corporal Miller was a man of strong faith and a
23 member of Fellowship Bible Church; he planned, after leaving the
24 military, to join the Houston Police Department, where both his

1 parents had built distinguished careers; and

2 WHEREAS, For his selfless efforts and immeasurable
3 sacrifice, Americans owe to Ryan Miller a debt that the passage of
4 time can never diminish, and those who loved him will forever carry
5 him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lance Corporal Ryan
8 Adam Miller and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his parents, Frank Miller and Jeannine Maughmer-Miller;
10 to his sister, Meghan Miller; to his brother, Brandon Miller, and
11 his wife, Leasha; to his grandmother, Betty Maughmer; to his aunts
12 and uncles, Lyn Swan, Joan and Raymond Goodnight, Michelle and
13 Dexter McKey, Denise Daniels, and Cheryl and Lynn Maughmer; and to
14 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance
18 Corporal Ryan Adam Miller.