

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal  
2 Christopher M. McCrackin of Liverpool suffered an immeasurable loss  
3 with the death of this valiant soldier on November 14, 2005, at the  
4 age of 20; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the Battalion Landing Team 2nd  
6 Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1  
7 Marine Expeditionary Force, Lance Corporal McCrackin was killed  
8 while conducting combat operations during Operation Steel Curtain  
9 in New Ubaydi, Iraq; and

10           WHEREAS, Born on July 23, 1985, he graduated from Alvin High  
11 School, where he was active in the Junior Reserve Officers'  
12 Training Corps, and his skill and dedication earned him many  
13 honors, including the American Legion Military Excellence Medal; in  
14 addition, he was known for giving generously of his time to assist  
15 needy families in the community; and

16           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal McCrackin fulfilled a long-held  
17 dream just days after celebrating his 18th birthday when he  
18 enlisted in the delayed entry program with his twin brother,  
19 Michael; and

20           WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous nature of his mission, Lance  
21 Corporal McCrackin took pride in his work and remained devoted to  
22 serving his country to the best of his ability; and

23           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
24 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military

1 service, yet the tragic death of this brave young man is a sobering  
2 reminder of the cost of war; Christopher McCrackin embodied the  
3 highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and those who knew and  
4 loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Lance  
8 Corporal Christopher M. McCrackin and extend deepest sympathy to  
9 the members of his family: to his wife, Natalie McCrackin; to his  
10 son, Ethan Matthew McCrackin; to his parents, Terry and Belinda  
11 McCrackin; to his sister, Selene McCrackin; to his twin brother,  
12 Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael McCrackin; to his grandparents,  
13 William and Doreen McCrackin and Natalio and Aurora Ramirez; and to  
14 his other relatives and many 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 Christopher M. McCrackin.

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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. 715

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 715 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 7, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House