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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 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.