

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Army Corporal Ryan  
2 Alan Bishop of Tyler suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of  
3 this valiant soldier in Iraq on April 14, 2007, at the age of 32; and

4           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry  
5 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light  
6 Infantry), at Fort Drum, New York, Corporal Bishop was mortally  
7 wounded when an improvised explosive device was detonated while he  
8 was on patrol in Baghdad; a specialist at the time of his death, he  
9 was posthumously promoted to the rank of corporal and awarded a  
10 Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and

11           WHEREAS, Born on May 2, 1974, in Tyler, Ryan Bishop graduated  
12 in 1992 from Marshall High School, where two years earlier he had  
13 played on the state football championship team; he went on to earn  
14 an associate's degree in surveying from Tyler Junior College and to  
15 pursue a successful career as a land surveyor; in 2005, inspired by  
16 a friend's service in the military, he enlisted in the army and  
17 subsequently earned the marksman badge during basic training at  
18 Fort Benning, Georgia; motivated by a strong sense of duty and the  
19 desire to help those in need, he was deployed to Iraq in August  
20 2006; and

21           WHEREAS, Corporal Bishop was beloved by all who knew him for  
22 his charisma, wit, and generosity; an outdoors enthusiast, he  
23 enjoyed cooking and listening to music, and he had a knack for  
24 telling lively stories; and

1           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and  
2 women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and time  
3 can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to Ryan  
4 Bishop for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he rendered;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Through his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and  
7 his country, Corporal Bishop embodied the highest ideals of the  
8 U.S. armed services, and his memory will be forever treasured by  
9 those who shared in the blessing of his life; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corporal Ryan Alan  
12 Bishop and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
13 his wife, Melanie Bishop; to his father, Charlie Bishop; to his  
14 brother, Paul Bishop, and his wife, Wendy; to his grandmothers,  
15 Freddie Ruth Bishop and Phyllis O'Neal Carter; and to his other  
16 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Corporal  
20 Ryan Alan Bishop.

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H.R. No. 1870

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1870 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 2, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House