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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The valiant Americans who fought for this country
2 during the crucial years of World War II are deserving of the
3 highest respect; and

4 WHEREAS, James Luther Ware of Marshall was among those who
5 endured the grim dangers of war to preserve his nation's freedom and
6 prosperity; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Fannin County in 1925, Jim Ware was a high
8 school student when the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United
9 States into that momentous conflict; immediately after his 1942
10 graduation, he was on his way to Marine training camp, and in
11 February 1944, he and his fellow Marines in the 24th Regiment of the
12 4th Division fought their way ashore on the Pacific islands of
13 Roi-Namur; and

14 WHEREAS, That successful attack against stiff Japanese
15 opposition was the first of four island invasions in which Private
16 Ware took part; again at Saipan, at Tinian, and at Iwo Jima, he
17 fought with immense bravery and great determination, aiding the
18 advance toward Japan that eventually helped bring about the end of
19 the war; wounded on Saipan in June 1945, Private Ware received the
20 Purple Heart commendation; and

21 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Ware became a
22 successful businessman and worked in office equipment sales in
23 Texas, New York, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida before settling in
24 Marshall and opening Ware Machine & Supply; through the years, he

1 has been a caring father to his daughter, Laura Ware Shurtleff, and
2 a loving husband to his wife, Connie; Mr. Ware has also taken an
3 active role in his community; he helped found the Marshall Metro
4 Rotary Club and is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars,
5 the Marine Corps League, and the 4th Marine Division Association,
6 as well as an active member of the military affairs committee of the
7 Marshall Chamber of Commerce; he has also devoted extensive time to
8 helping participants in 12-step recovery programs; and

9 WHEREAS, In March 2007, Jim Ware returned to Iwo Jima to help
10 commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the battle for that fiercely
11 contested island; that ceremony offered an opportunity for somber
12 reflection on the contributions made by the members of America's
13 armed forces in World War II, and in that spirit, the members of
14 this chamber recognize the tremendous valor of Private James Ware
15 and his noble actions in behalf of his country and its citizens;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend James Luther Ware for courageously
19 serving in the United States Marines Corps during World War II and
20 commend him for his many good works and deeds; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Ware as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.