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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt 2 at the loss of U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Benjamin D. Williams of 3 Orange, who died while bravely serving his country on June 20, 2006, 4 at the age of 30; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 6 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Staff 7 Sergeant Williams was killed during combat operations in Anbar 8 Province, Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's 10 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous 11 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect 12 and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, Benjamin D. Williams inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby tribute to the life of Staff 19 pay Sergeant Benjamin D. Williams and extend deepest sympathy to all 20 21 those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. 4 Marine Staff Sergeant Benjamin D. Williams.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2441 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House