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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Justin Rokohl of Orange Grove has
2 rendered valiant service in Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the
3 United States Marine Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, A 2005 graduate of Orange Grove High School,
5 Corporal Rokohl followed a long-standing family tradition when he
6 joined the armed forces; trained as a machine gunner, he served in
7 Iraq in 2007 and has most recently been deployed to Afghanistan as a
8 member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Company G,
9 Weapons Platoon; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Rokohl sustained serious injuries on the
11 morning of June 19, 2008, when the Humvee in which he was riding was
12 struck by an IED; blown out of the vehicle, he was pulled to safety
13 by fellow marines, and since then he has undergone multiple
14 surgeries, both in Germany and the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout his ordeal, Corporal Rokohl's
16 indomitable spirit has continued to shine through; renowned among
17 his family and friends for his love of life, this courageous Texan
18 is tackling his recovery with the same no-holds-barred
19 determination that he has brought to all his endeavors; and

20 WHEREAS, Corporal Rokohl and his family are integral members
21 of the Orange Grove community and the Cross Trails Cowboy Church,
22 and their neighbors and fellow congregants have been staunchly
23 supportive of their hometown hero; one measure of the esteem in
24 which Corporal Rokohl is held was evident in the overwhelming

1 response to a blood drive that was organized in his honor; people
2 came from as far away as Alice and Corpus Christi, and a second
3 blood center bus had to be called in to accommodate all those
4 wishing to donate; and

5 WHEREAS, The grit and tenacity that Justin Rokohl brings to
6 his work as a marine are the same qualities that led him to be named
7 an all-district defensive end on his high school football team;
8 endowed with natural athletic ability, he also ran track, and he is
9 currently intent on honing his roping skills; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Rokohl's devotion to service has kindled an
11 interest in a law enforcement career, following his return to
12 civilian life; he has expressed a desire to join the border patrol
13 and ultimately to serve as sheriff of Jim Wells County; and

14 WHEREAS, On July 3, 2008, President George W. Bush personally
15 presented a Purple Heart medal and citation to Corporal Rokohl at
16 the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, In the face of great hardship and danger, Corporal
18 Rokohl has embodied the highest ideals of the United States Marine
19 Corps, and he has earned the lasting respect and gratitude of all
20 Americans; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor Marine Lance Corporal Justin Rokohl for
23 his steadfast service to this country and extend to him sincere best
24 wishes for the future; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Corporal Rokohl as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.