

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The friends and family of U.S. Marine Corporal James
2 Heath McRae of Springtown suffered an immeasurable loss with his
3 death on July 24, 2007, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, Corporal McRae was killed in Iraq while serving with
5 the 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd
6 Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and

7 WHEREAS, The beloved son of Rhonda and Bill McRae, Heath
8 McRae was born on July 6, 1985, and he learned at an early age to fix
9 fences, work cattle, and repair boat and car engines by watching and
10 working closely with his dad; he attended Springtown High School,
11 where he demonstrated a talent for music as a trombonist in the
12 marching and jazz bands; in his free time, he also enjoyed hunting
13 and fishing, and especially playing his guitar, and he was beloved
14 by his friends for his pranks and his memorable antics; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal McRae earned a music scholarship to
16 Weatherford College, studying for a year before joining the marines
17 in December 2003; he was a diesel mechanic serving in Japan before
18 he was deployed to Iraq; and

19 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
20 forces, James McRae inspired others with his leadership and
21 courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved
22 ones, they will forever carry his memory close in their hearts; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

H.R. No. 2325

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Corporal
2 James Heath McRae and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
3 family: to his parents, Rhonda and Bill McRae; to his sisters, Misty
4 Rix and Amy Styles; and to his other relatives and many friends;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
9 Corporal James Heath McRae.

King of Parker

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2325 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House