

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Navy Petty Officer
2 Third Class Mark Russell Cannon of Lubbock suffered an immeasurable
3 loss with the death of this brave young Texan in Afghanistan on
4 October 2, 2007, at the age of 31; and

5 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Cannon served as a hospital corpsman
6 assigned to the 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III
7 Marine Expeditionary Force out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii; and

8 WHEREAS, During a firefight in Kunar Province, Afghanistan,
9 Petty Officer Cannon rushed to the aid of a wounded Marine, working
10 to treat the injured man's wounds while firing back at the enemy; he
11 saved the man's life, but lost his own; for his heroism that day, he
12 was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star; and

13 WHEREAS, Mark Cannon was born in Lubbock on November 21,
14 1975, to Tom and Becky Cannon; a 1994 graduate of Coronado High
15 School, he earned a nursing degree from South Plains College and
16 enlisted in the Navy in 2003; he served a tour of duty in Iraq in
17 2006 and volunteered to serve in Afghanistan the following year;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is proud to claim Mark Cannon as a
20 native son, and the courage and fortitude he demonstrated on that
21 fateful day will forever be remembered by all who were privileged to
22 know him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Navy Petty

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1 Officer Third Class Mark Russell Cannon and extend sincere
2 condolences to the members of his family: to his father, Tom Cannon;
3 to his grandmother, Inez Cannon; to his uncles and aunts, Bob and
4 Kathy Orf and Jack and Joyce Cannon; and to his other relatives and
5 friends; 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 Mark
9 Cannon.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2345 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House