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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Corps Staff  
2 Sergeant John C. Stock suffered an immeasurable loss with the death  
3 of this outstanding young man in Iraq on September 6, 2007, at the  
4 age of 26; and

5           WHEREAS, Assigned to the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st  
6 Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, out of Camp  
7 Pendleton, California, Staff Sergeant Stock was killed while  
8 conducting combat operations in Anbar Province, Iraq; and

9           WHEREAS, Sergeant Stock's medals and commendations included  
10 the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense  
11 Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism  
12 Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the  
13 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

14           WHEREAS, John Stock was born in Longview on February 26,  
15 1981, to Gwen and Jerry Stock; an Eagle Scout, he was a graduate of  
16 Longview High School, where he distinguished himself as a member of  
17 the varsity swim team and as a soccer player; and

18           WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Sergeant Stock often  
19 talked about his family with his fellow Marines; he had an  
20 adventurous spirit and enjoyed kayaking, white water rafting, and  
21 mountain climbing; true to his East Texas roots, he loved country  
22 music, barbecue, and hot sauce; and

23           WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed  
24 forces, John Stock inspired others with his courage and fortitude,

1 and although he his deeply missed, those who loved him will forever  
2 carry his memory close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant John  
5 Stock and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:  
6 to his wife, Lindsey; to his sons, Levin Still and Wyatt Stock; to  
7 his parents, Gwen and Jerry Stock; to his brother, Tony Stock; to  
8 his sisters, Megan Palla, Erin Barnes, Clara Stock, and Lily Stock;  
9 to his grandparents, Gerald and Jeannette Stock; to his  
10 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Buddy and Karen Tyner; and to his  
11 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John C.  
15 Stock.