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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 his family and friends at the loss of U.S. Marine Corps Staff
3 Sergeant Archie A. Taylor of Tomball, who died in Afghanistan on
4 March 14, 2009, at the age of 37; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Intelligence Battalion, 2nd
6 Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, 2nd Marine
7 Expeditionary Force, out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Sergeant
8 Taylor died while serving his country in Kabul; and

9 WHEREAS, Born in Montgomery County on November 5, 1971,
10 Archie Taylor was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. armed forces; he
11 enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 and served until 1995, and he
12 continued his service with the Army National Guard until 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2001, Sergeant Taylor joined the U.S. Marine
14 Corps and served as a counterintelligence specialist; after two
15 tours of duty in Iraq, he was deployed to Afghanistan in January
16 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, During his long and distinguished military career,
18 Sergeant Taylor earned many decorations and commendations,
19 including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine
20 Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Army
21 Achievement, Commendation, and Good Conduct Medals, the Iraq
22 Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal, to name but
23 a few; and

24 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have men and

1 women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military
2 service, but the tragic death of this brave and dedicated marine is
3 a sobering reminder of the cost of war; Sergeant Taylor devoted more
4 than half of his life to defending his nation, and those who knew
5 and loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Staff Sergeant Archie
9 A. Taylor and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be
10 it further

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