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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt
2 at the loss of U.S. Marine Corporal Jacob Carl Leicht of Kerrville,
3 who died on May 27, 2010, at the age of 24; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance
5 Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force out
6 of Camp Pendleton, California, Corporal Leicht was serving his
7 second combat deployment in the Marines; and

8 WHEREAS, During his first deployment in Iraq in 2007, this
9 brave American was badly injured by a roadside bomb, and throughout
10 his two-and-a-half-year recovery at Brooke Army Medical Center in
11 San Antonio, he campaigned successfully to be allowed to return to
12 active duty; and

13 WHEREAS, A month into his second tour of duty, Corporal
14 Leicht was killed by a landmine while supporting combat operations
15 in Helmand Province in Afghanistan; he was the 1,000th American
16 service member to lose his life in the Afghan conflict; and

17 WHEREAS, Born in a naval hospital in Lemoore, California, on
18 July 4, 1985, Jacob Leicht grew up on a 130-acre ranch in the Texas
19 Hill Country, where he built up his strength as a young man by
20 chopping cedar and hiking the limestone ridges; a man of unswerving
21 patriotism, he rejected a full Navy ROTC scholarship at The
22 University of Texas at Austin for fear that he would not be assigned
23 to combat duty, and he enlisted in the Marines instead; and

24 WHEREAS, Corporal Leicht married the former Leslie Garcia in

1 January 2010, and they made their home at Camp Pendleton; a strong
2 man with a tender heart, he enjoyed watching the television show
3 *Dora the Explorer* with his brother's children; and

4 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
5 servicemen and servicewomen, whose love for their country inspires
6 them to take up military service, and their dedicated efforts and
7 enormous sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest
8 respect and gratitude; and

9 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
10 forces, Jacob Leicht inspired others with his commitment,
11 leadership, and courage; although his death has left a void in the
12 lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this
13 heroic Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marine Corporal Jacob
16 Carl Leicht and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
17 family: to his wife, Leslie Garcia Leicht; to his parents, Craig and
18 Shirly Leicht; to his brothers, Jonathan Leicht and Jesse Leicht;
19 to his sisters, Elizabeth Leicht-Chapa, Mary Rose Leicht, and Sarah
20 Grace Leicht; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Marine
25 Corporal Jacob Carl Leicht.