

By: Gallego

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Jacob A. Fernandez has displayed  
2 exceptional valor while serving his country with the U.S. Marine  
3 Corps, and he is truly worthy of special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on August 13, 1984, to Midiam M. Flores and  
5 Ralph Anthony Fernandez, Jacob Fernandez graduated from Del Rio  
6 High School in 2002; determined to serve his nation after the  
7 terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, this patriotic young man  
8 enlisted in the marines and reported for recruit training in August  
9 2002; following boot camp, he completed the 52-day Infantry  
10 Training Battalion course at the School of Infantry at Camp  
11 Pendleton, California; and

12           WHEREAS, Jacob Fernandez then deployed to Iraq with Kilo  
13 Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, as part of Operation  
14 Iraqi Freedom; he subsequently returned to Iraq with the 3/5 for two  
15 more combat tours and saw action in the battle for Fallujah; and

16           WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan also continued his military  
17 training, completing the Infantry Squad Leader Course, in which he  
18 received the Gung Ho Award, and the Infantry Platoon Sergeants  
19 Course; motivated by his desire to pursue a career as a Marine Corps  
20 officer, Jacob Fernandez applied to the Marine Corps Enlisted  
21 Commissioning Educational Program and was accepted in the fall of  
22 2006; after completing the preparatory course at San Diego, he  
23 enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, where he majored in  
24 geography and participated in the Naval Reserve Officer Training

1 Corps program; during the summer of his freshman year at UT, he  
2 attended Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, where he  
3 finished in the top 10 percent of his class; he earned his bachelor  
4 of arts degree on December 15, 2010, and received his commission as  
5 a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on March 25, 2011; On  
6 June 7, 2011, he reports to The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia,  
7 to continue his training as an officer; and

8 WHEREAS, Among the many decorations and awards conferred on  
9 Second Lieutenant Fernandez by the marines are the Purple Heart,  
10 four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, including two with  
11 the Combat Distinguishing Device for Valor, a Combat Action Ribbon,  
12 the Presidential Unit Citation, two Navy Unit Citations, and two  
13 Good Conduct Medals; moreover, he is the recipient of the National  
14 Defense Service Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals, the Global War on  
15 Terrorism Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,  
16 and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

17 WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Jacob Fernandez embodies the  
18 Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment, and he has  
19 earned the lasting respect and gratitude of all Americans; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby honor Second Lieutenant Jacob A. Fernandez for  
23 his service with the United States Marine Corps and extend to him  
24 sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors;  
25 and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Second Lieutenant Fernandez as an expression of high

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1 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.