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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Marine Major Nathan
2 W. Anderson suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this
3 valiant soldier on February 22, 2012, at the age of 32; and

4 WHEREAS, Assigned to the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics
5 Squadron One at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Major Anderson was
6 tragically killed while conducting a nighttime training exercise at
7 the Yuma Training Range Complex near the Arizona-California border;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Nathan Anderson graduated from Amarillo High School
10 in 1998 and attended Texas A&M University on an ROTC scholarship; he
11 was a member of the Corps of Cadets Company H-1 and served as a Ross
12 Volunteer; he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the
13 U.S. Marine Corps on December 20, 2002, and finished in the top 10
14 percent of his class at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia;
15 determined to become a pilot, he attended flight training in
16 Pensacola, Florida, and earned his wings on February 25, 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, Major Anderson excelled as a Huey helicopter pilot
18 and was a natural leader who helped train and mentor others; after
19 completing three tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi
20 Freedom, he was invited to become an instructor pilot with the elite
21 Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One; his many
22 decorations include an Individual Air Medal for heroism, Air Medal
23 with Strike/Flight (numeral 2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation
24 Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Navy Unit Commendation

1 with bronze star in lieu of second award, National Defense Service
2 Medal, Iraqi Campaign medal with two bronze stars for subsequent
3 deployments, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global
4 War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment
5 Ribbon with two bronze stars for subsequent deployments; and

6 WHEREAS, Known for his dedicated work ethic, quiet
7 confidence, and sweet smirk, Nathan Anderson was selflessly devoted
8 to his beloved wife, Amanda, and their two young sons, Randon and
9 William; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to duty and honor,
11 Nathan Anderson embodied the highest ideals of the United States
12 armed forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude
13 that the passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Major
16 Nathan W. Anderson and extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Amanda,
17 his sons, Randon and William, his mother, Kinnette Anderson, and
18 his father, Kerry Anderson, and to his many other relatives and
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Major
23 Nathan Anderson.