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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Keifer Marshall of Temple distinguished himself
2 through his courageous service as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps
3 during World War II, and he is indeed deserving of special
4 recognition for his valiant contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Temple, Robert William Keifer Marshall
6 graduated from high school in 1942, and in January 1943 he accepted
7 a football scholarship to The University of Texas at Austin; as a
8 freshman during the Longhorns' appearance in the 1944 Cotton Bowl,
9 he played both offense and defense and was on the field for the
10 entire 60 minutes; following his 18th birthday, he interrupted his
11 education in order to serve his nation and enlist in the marines;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, After training in San Diego and at Camp Pendleton as
14 a rifleman, Private Marshall shipped out to Guam, where he helped
15 clear the island of enemy soldiers in the aftermath of the Second
16 Battle of Guam; sent next to Iwo Jima, he went ashore five days
17 after the initial invasion as a member of Fox Company, 2nd
18 Battalion, 9th Marines; he subsequently helped take the north end
19 of the island, which was the site of much savage, hand-to-hand
20 fighting; for 36 hours, his unit was cut off from supplies and
21 reinforcements; altogether, he spent 45 days on Iwo Jima, during
22 which time many of the members of his unit were killed or wounded;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Marshall completed his education

1 in 1950 and returned to Temple, where he pursued a career in the
2 insurance business; he also became a leading member of his
3 community, serving 10 years on the city council and four years as
4 mayor; in addition, he has served as a member of the board of the
5 Temple Public Library and as president of the Temple Chamber of
6 Commerce, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the
7 William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home; and

8 WHEREAS, Keifer Marshall stepped forward in a time of war to
9 help defend his country, and it is a pleasure to commend him for the
10 tremendous bravery and selflessness he demonstrated in behalf of
11 his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Keifer Marshall for his service in the
14 U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and extend to him sincere best
15 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Marshall as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.