

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 484

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Master Sergeant Blaine Scott, United States Marine Corps, Retired, and his family on the occasion of the groundbreaking for a new home to be built by the organization Helping a Hero; and

WHEREAS, Helping a Hero is a nonprofit organization that builds specially adapted homes for severely wounded service members injured in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Scott grew up in Iowa and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1992; he served multiple overseas deployments before becoming an instructor at the Mountain Warfare Training Center in California, where he taught thousands of young men and women the skills they would need in order to operate successfully and survive in mountainous terrain; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, he transferred to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; during his second deployment to Iraq, he was severely injured in an improvised explosive device blast; after his recovery, he went on to serve with the I Marine Expeditionary Forces in Afghanistan before completing his military service with Wounded Warrior Battalion-East at San Antonio Military Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Master Sergeant Scott and his family continued to serve by offering their home as a place for wounded warriors to recover; Helping a Hero, along with Vintage Estate Homes, has designed a beautiful four-bedroom,

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three-bath home that will enable the family to continue its compassionate work in caring for warriors in crisis; and

WHEREAS, In addition to helping wounded warriors, the Scott family actively supports antibullying initiatives and the passage of David's Law to strengthen antibullying laws in Texas; the family has taken up this cause in loving memory of their daughter Isabella, who died at the age of 12; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Master Sergeant Blaine Scott and his family on their exceptional service and extend to them heartfelt wishes for continued success in their worthy endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate