

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former marine Chad Robichaux demonstrated
2 remarkable courage and compassion by scouting escape routes from
3 Afghanistan and assisting with evacuation efforts during the
4 American withdrawal from the country in August 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, A veteran of the Force Reconnaissance special
6 operations unit of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Robichaux served
7 eight deployments in Afghanistan as a marine and as a Department of
8 Defense contractor with a Joint Special Operations Command task
9 force; he is also a founder of the Mighty Oaks Foundation, a
10 faith-based veteran service organization; and

11 WHEREAS, In the chaos of the withdrawal, many members of the
12 U.S. military and the private sector labored tirelessly to evacuate
13 American citizens as well as Afghans who held green cards or were
14 applicants for special immigration visas, all of whom were at risk
15 for brutal retaliation by the Taliban; Mr. Robichaux and the Mighty
16 Oaks Foundation joined with The Independence Fund to create a
17 nongovernmental organization called Save Our Allies, and over the
18 course of 10 days, a task force of 12 former special operations
19 veterans evacuated 12,000 people from the airport in Kabul; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Robichaux and another member of his team,
21 U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Dennis Price, subsequently risked their
22 lives by scouting more than 90 miles of extremely rugged and
23 mountainous terrain along the border between Afghanistan and
24 Tajikistan to facilitate additional evacuation efforts; for 10

1 days, the two men reconnoitered routes and tested river crossings
2 while avoiding the Taliban and patrols of the Russian KGB and the
3 Tajik and Chinese militaries; they were fired on by snipers, nearly
4 captured or killed on several occasions, and swam freezing rivers
5 to establish crossing points; in the end, they were forced to flee
6 across the border themselves to a safe house in Dushanbe, the
7 capital city of Tajikistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his leadership, skill, and tremendous
9 bravery, Chad Robichaux helped rescue thousands of people whose
10 lives were in great danger, and his exceptional achievements are
11 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Chad Robichaux for
14 his selfless heroism in Afghanistan and extend to him sincere best
15 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 244

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 244 was adopted by the House on
October 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House