

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, United States Army First Lieutenant Joseph C.  
2 Whelchel, a native of Lamar County, has been awarded the Bronze Star  
3 for his meritorious service in Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, From February 2004 to February 2005, this valorous  
5 young Texan worked as a physician's assistant with the 1st Infantry,  
6 Division, caring for the medical needs of U.S. soldiers, the Iraqi  
7 Army, Iraqi police, local nationals, and enemy detainees; he is  
8 credited with life-saving medical interventions and treatment on  
9 countless occasions, including mass casualty operations; and

10           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Whelchel is a graduate of Prairiland High  
11 School in Pattonville and Louisiana Tech University, where he  
12 received a master's degree in exercise physiology; one of only 25  
13 applicants accepted into the Army Physician Assistance program, he  
14 also earned a master's degree in physician assistance studies; and

15           WHEREAS, Currently stationed in Germany, Lieutenant Whelchel  
16 is blessed with the support of his wife, Dallas, and his three  
17 children, Llanden, Tristan, and Chance; and

18           WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to Lieutenant  
19 Whelchel and to all the members of the United States Armed Forces,  
20 for they have been called on to bear great, often unimaginable,  
21 burdens, and they have served with unsurpassed valor in defense of  
22 this nation and the cause of freedom; and

23           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Whelchel's outstanding leadership and  
24 unwavering dedication to his mission exemplify the highest

1 standards of the United States Armed Forces, and he is truly  
2 deserving of his fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
5 1st Called Session, hereby commend U.S. Army First Lieutenant  
6 Joseph C. Whelchel for his outstanding service in Iraq and  
7 congratulate him on earning the Bronze Star; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Lieutenant Whelchel as an expression of high regard by  
10 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Cradick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on July 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Datsy Shaw

Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry

Governor

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