

# Resolution

Whereas, The Silver Star is the nation's third-highest decoration a U.S. service member can receive; and

Whereas, Marine Corps Cpl. Jason Jones, a logistics and combat service support specialist, while on duty in Afghanistan during a 10-month auxiliary billet served as a mentor to the Afghan National Army while attached to Embedded Training Team 5-3; and

Whereas, On July 13, 2008, three Marines, a platoon of Afghan National soldiers and a platoon of soldiers from the U.S. Army's 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne were attacked by more than 200 enemy forces and a bloody firefight ensued; and



Whereas, Cpl. Jason Jones seized the initiative and began firing his weapon at the enemy while encouraging and guiding his comrades to organize a counter attack. He sprinted across the terrain under heavy enemy fire to a wounded Afghan soldier and pulled him to safety as rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire exploded around them; and

Whereas, Members of the U.S. Army platoon were pinned down and seriously wounded. With bullets still flying, Cpl. Jones again crossed 130 meters of fire-swept ground wielding a M-240B machine gun. Jones, with fire support from other members of the team, suppressed the attackers long enough to allow him to reach the wounded soldiers and provide life-saving aid; and

Whereas, Cpl. Jason Jones was decorated with the Silver Star Medal for his valor, heroism and bravery under fire in ceremonies were held April 2, 2009 at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan. Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, accompanied by Sgt. Maj. Samuel Schmidt, the sergeant major of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division made the Silver Star presentation citing Cpl. Jones as "a catalyst in changing the tide of the battle"; and

Whereas, Cpl. Jason Jones, a four year veteran of the Marine Corps, graduated from Grape Creek High School in 2003 and by his actions cited by the award of the Silver Star brings tremendous pride and honor to his school, his family, his community, our county, and our nation; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved and Adopted by the Tom Green County Commissioners' Court – United States Marine Corps Cpl. Jason Jones is proudly honored by the citizens of Tom Green County for his uncommon valor and bravery warranting his receiving the Silver Star Medal."

Unanimously approved in regular session by the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas on this the 28 day of April, 2009 and recorded in the official minutes.

Michael D. Brown, County Judge

Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner Pct. 1

Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner Pct. 2

Steve Floyd, Commissioner Pct. 3

Richard Easingwood, Commissioner Pct. 4

#### ATTEST:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael D. Brown, County Judge; Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Steve C. Floyd, Commissioners, Pct 3; and Richard S. Easingwood, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Tom Green County, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes, therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by the said County Officials, on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Attest:   
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk  
Tom Green County, Texas

