

Senate Resolution 796

By: Senators Tarver of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Douglas of the 17th and Starr of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Rich Jadick; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Rich Jadick, a lieutenant commander in the United States Marine Corps and
3 a urology resident at the Medical College of Georgia, has been awarded a Bronze Star with
4 a Combat 'V' for Valor for his heroic actions in November, 2004, during Operation al-Fajr
5 in Fallujah, Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Jadick, the lead medical officer traveling with the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine
7 Regiment, valiantly led his team into the city to ensure that injured soldiers received
8 resuscitative care as swiftly as possible; and

9 WHEREAS, while most field hospitals are operated in safe areas several miles from the
10 battlefield, Dr. Jadick feared the critically wounded could not survive the trip and instead
11 devised a plan to most effectively reach casualties; and

12 WHEREAS, the only physician in Fallujah, Dr. Jadick traveled into the heart of the urban
13 battle with armored ambulances to treated the wounded, braving rocket-propelled grenades
14 and small-arms fire to reach his fallen comrades; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jadick's team saw more than 90 U.S. combat casualties in an 11 day period,
16 in addition to treating countless Iraqi soldiers and civilians with no other means of medical
17 support; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Jadick's lifesaving actions in Fallujah truly epitomize heroism, and no one
19 could be more worthy of one of the Marine Corps' most prestigious awards than this
20 courageous and selfless physician.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending Dr. Rich Jadick on being awarded a Bronze Star with a Combat 'V' for
3 Valor and thank him for his most outstanding service to the United States.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Rich Jadick.