

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, General (Ret.) Tommy Ray Franks, who oversaw  
2 American operations in Afghanistan and Iraq as leader of the U.S.  
3 Central Command (CentCom), is appearing with Neal McCoy & Friends  
4 at a benefit for the East Texas Angel Network (ETAN) in Longview on  
5 September 27, 2003; and

6           WHEREAS, A charitable foundation, ETAN was created by country  
7 music star Neal McCoy and his wife, Melinda, in 1995 to provide  
8 financial assistance to the families of children with serious  
9 illnesses; to date, ETAN has raised approximately \$2 million and  
10 helped more than 100 families; and

11           WHEREAS, General Franks has been a great fan and close friend  
12 of Mr. McCoy's since getting to know him during the performer's  
13 travels with various USO tours; at the general's request, Mr. McCoy  
14 performed at the July 2003 ceremony marking the transfer of CentCom  
15 leadership from General Franks to General John P. Abizaid; and

16           WHEREAS, A native of Oklahoma, General Franks grew up in  
17 Midland and attended the same high school as First Lady Laura Bush;  
18 he was commissioned as an army second lieutenant in 1967 and was  
19 soon posted to Vietnam, where he earned three Purple Hearts; during  
20 his 36-year military career, he also served at the Pentagon, in  
21 Europe, in Korea, and in Iraq during the first Persian Gulf war; and

22           WHEREAS, Assuming command of CentCom in the summer of 2000,  
23 General Franks became responsible for U.S. military operations in  
24 25 countries, stretching from the Horn of Africa to Central Asia; he

1 subsequently directed American forces in the campaigns that  
2 overthrew the Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein in Iraq;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Among the numerous commendations bestowed on  
5 General Franks have been four Legion of Merit medals, three Bronze  
6 Stars with "V" for valor, an Air Medal with "V," and an Army  
7 Commendation Medal with "V"; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout a career distinguished by sound judgment  
9 and exemplary leadership, General Franks has set the highest  
10 standards of excellence in the performance of his duties, and it is  
11 a pleasure to welcome him back to the Lone Star State as he takes  
12 part in this outstanding benefit; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
14 3rd Called Session, hereby honor General (Ret.) Tommy Ray Franks on  
15 the occasion of his appearance at the Ninth Annual Benefit for the  
16 East Texas Angel Network and extend to him profound gratitude for  
17 his exceptional service to this country; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for General Franks as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on September 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on September 29, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor