By: Harper-Brown H.R. No. 252

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Seven Irving organizations and businesses have been recognized by Congressman Pete Sessions, the City of Irving, the Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, and a number of civic groups for the exceptional support they have provided to employees engaged in Afghanistan, Iraq, and domestic security, and to their families; and WHEREAS, Honored at the April 2004 meeting of the Irving City Council were the Boy Scouts of America; Allstate Insurance Company; Comcast; Exxon-Mobil; Sears, Roebuck and Company; Verizon; and

WHEREAS, These institutions have gone beyond what is required by law in providing for their employees in National Guard or Reserve units who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001; the measures they have taken range from extending the period of pay and benefits supplementation to organizing blood drives, contributing to and fund-raising for the National Military Family Association, collecting relief items for deployed personnel, and donating phone cards to members of the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, Joining in paying tribute to these institutions were the Irving Republican Women, Irving Republican Club, Irving Rotary Club, Irving Kiwanis Club, Irving Elks Lodge No. 3334, Irving Hispanic Forum, and Irving Professional Firefighters Association; and

Wal-Mart; and

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1 WHEREAS, Those who have been called to service from the
2 National Guard and Reserve have borne, together with their
3 families, a special set of burdens, and the support rendered by
4 these institutions in their behalf is an admirable, concrete
5 expression of appreciation for their tremendous efforts and
6 sacrifice; now, therefore, be it
7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby join in commending these outstanding Irving institutions for their generous assistance to those employees who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for these institutions as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.