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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of great peril, men and women of the United States military have marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Specialist Edgar Hernandez embarked from Fort Bliss in support of our nation's campaign to liberate Iraqi citizens from repression; working with the 507th Maintenance Company as a supply truck driver, he was taken captive after his convoy was ambushed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, A young man of steadfast faith who is known for his infectious sense of humor, Specialist Hernandez has served with distinction in the U.S. Army for three years; and

WHEREAS, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences, have been demonstrated by Specialist Hernandez on a desolate and foreign battlefield; this valorous American is now held captive by enemies of all nations who cherish individual freedom, unbiased judgment, and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, It is the fervent hope of all Texans that the day of liberation comes swiftly for this brave soldier and that he finds comfort, during the darkness of his captivity, in knowing that citizens throughout this state and nation hold him in their thoughts and prayers; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas 24 hereby pay tribute to U.S. Army Specialist Edgar Hernandez for his

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- 1 courageous actions and extend to the members of his family
- 2 heartfelt best wishes for his safe and expeditious return.