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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On January 31, 1968, in violation of a lunar new year
2 truce, 80,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops launched the
3 massive Tet Offensive, attacking 105 cities and towns throughout
4 South Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, Although taken by surprise, American troops
6 acquitted themselves well in innumerable instances of bitter, close
7 combat, eventually repelling the attacks and wrecking the Viet Cong
8 as an effective fighting force; Tet cost 81,000 lives, including
9 those of 14,300 civilians and 3,895 Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, The Center for Military History is an organization
11 composed of active military personnel, reservists, and veterans
12 committed to presenting the history of America's fighting men and
13 women through university-level symposiums, general public forums,
14 and public high school educational programs; in addition, the
15 center is dedicated to preserving military history through an
16 ongoing oral history project that will serve as the foundation for
17 future booklets that profile American veterans as role models; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of the Center for Military History are
19 gathering in Austin on January 30, 2003, to commemorate the 35th
20 anniversary of what General Norman Schwarzkopf has called the major
21 battle of the Vietnam War; and

22 WHEREAS, The courage displayed by Tet veterans exemplifies
23 the best qualities of the almost nine million U.S. military
24 personnel who were involved in the Vietnam War and the general

1 Southeast Asia conflict between 1961 and 1975; their bravery and
2 the tremendous personal hardships they endured are truly worth
3 remembering and are deserving of recognition by every American;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor American veterans of the 1968 Tet
7 Offensive on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of that assault;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Center for Military History as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.