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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After three weeks of fearful uncertainty about his
2 safety and whereabouts, Texans across the state are profoundly
3 thankful to learn that Army Support Specialist Edgar Adan Hernandez
4 of Mission, who had been taken prisoner during the Iraqi campaign,
5 has been rescued; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist Hernandez was among a group of soldiers
7 from the 507th Maintenance Company, which was ambushed in southern
8 Iraq on March 23, 2003; he and four other survivors of the attack
9 were held in solitary confinement in Baghdad for 12 to 15 days
10 before being moved to a series of other locations; they were rescued
11 on April 13, 2003, by Marines with the 3rd Light Armored
12 Reconnaissance Battalion who were moving northward toward Tikrit;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan joined the army after
15 graduating from Mission High School and was stationed at Fort Bliss
16 before his deployment to the Persian Gulf; while assigned to Fort
17 Bliss, he joined the congregation of the Chaparral Apostolic
18 Church, and during his ordeal in captivity family and friends took
19 some measure of comfort in knowing that his strong faith would
20 sustain him; and

21 WHEREAS, Due to be released from the service in a few months'
22 time, Specialist Hernandez is hoping to join the U.S. Border
23 Patrol, marry, and settle in El Paso; and

24 WHEREAS, Through his deep devotion to his country and his

1 selfless efforts and sacrifice in its behalf, Specialist Hernandez
2 has earned the lasting respect and gratitude of all Americans, and
3 his rescue is indeed cause for joyful celebration; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Army Support Specialist Edgar Adan
7 Hernandez on the occasion of his release from captivity in Iraq and
8 extend to him sincere appreciation for his brave and steadfast
9 service in the cause of freedom and democracy; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Specialist Hernandez as an expression of high regard
12 by the Texas House of Representatives.