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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans across the state are profoundly thankful for
2 the safe recovery of U.S. Army Specialist Shoshana Nyree Johnson of
3 El Paso, who was wounded and held for three harrowing weeks as a
4 prisoner during the Iraqi campaign; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Born in Panama, where her release has also been
14 hailed by ecstatic citizens, Specialist Johnson later moved to El
15 Paso with her family and graduated from Andress High School in 1991;
16 while in school she was a member of the drill team and the ROTC; and

17 WHEREAS, This highly respected soldier, the daughter of a
18 veteran of the first Gulf War, joined the army in 1998 and is
19 stationed at Fort Bliss; in addition to handling her military
20 responsibilities, she also proudly fulfills the role of mother to
21 her beloved two-year-old daughter, Janelle; and

22 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by Specialist Johnson and her
23 fellow soldiers while serving their country in Iraq have earned the
24 heartfelt gratitude of all Americans, who now join her daughter,

1 Janelle Johnson, her parents, Eunice and Claude Johnson, her
2 sisters, and the members of this body in applauding her safe and
3 anxiously awaited return; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Army Specialist Shoshana Nyree Johnson
6 for her steadfast service in behalf of this nation during the Iraqi
7 campaign and officially welcome her home to the Lone Star State;
8 and, be it further

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