

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to pay
2 tribute to the Air Force News Agency, the official news and
3 information organization of the United States Air Force, on the
4 significant occasion of its 25th anniversary, and to honor the men
5 and women who have served the nation and the city of San Antonio
6 since its inception; and

7 WHEREAS, Organized on June 1, 1978, the agency today provides
8 news, information, and images to the American public and the world
9 in a wide array of formats, including print, television, radio,
10 Internet, and telephone; more than 480 individuals stationed in 28
11 locations around the globe gather the news about United States
12 military missions; and

13 WHEREAS, The Air Force News Agency performs a critical
14 service to senior leaders and commanders of our nation's department
15 of defense and air force by keeping service members informed
16 wherever they are stationed throughout the world; the agency's
17 up-to-date reports of the vital services provided by U.S. military
18 personnel in behalf of their fellow Americans help maintain their
19 morale and readiness level; and

20 WHEREAS, Recently, the expertise provided by agency
21 employees has contributed to the success of Operation Enduring
22 Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan,
23 and Operation Iraqi Freedom; throughout Operation Desert Shield and
24 Operation Desert Storm, the Air Force News Agency's Air Force

1 Broadcasting Service delivered continuous radio and television
2 news and information to coalition forces through the American
3 Forces Desert Network; and

4 WHEREAS, Through its website, Air Force Link, the news agency
5 transmits information about members of the United States Air Force
6 to more than 2.8 million Internet users each week; further, its
7 biweekly television news program is broadcast by more than 800
8 television stations and cable systems, and print news stories and
9 images are seen by 30,000-plus subscribers every weekday; and

10 WHEREAS, The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service, an arm
11 of the Air Force News Agency, yearly sends in excess of 800,000 news
12 releases to 12,000 daily and weekly hometown newspapers of active,
13 reserve, and guard service members, plus it distributes more than
14 13,500 holiday greetings by way of 1,085 television stations and
15 2,906 radio stations; and

16 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Air Force News Agency have
17 also served the Lone Star State through their generous voluntary
18 service to worthy concerns such as Habitat for Humanity, the San
19 Antonio Children's Shelter, the annual Combined Federal Campaign,
20 the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to support breast cancer
21 research, Adopt-A-Highway, and local blood drives, and these
22 commendable citizens are truly deserving of special recognition and
23 praise; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the United States Air Force's Air
26 Force News Agency on the memorable occasion of its 25th anniversary
27 and honor the dedicated individuals who have contributed to its

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1 impressive legacy; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the Air Force News Agency as an expression of high
4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Menendez

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1361 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House