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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to 2 recognize General Tommy Ray Franks, combatant commander of the 3 United States Central Command, for his outstanding contributions to 4 his country; and 5 6 WHEREAS, A native of Midland, Texas, Tommy Franks earned a 7 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1971 and a master's degree from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania 8 in 1985; and 9 10 WHEREAS, He entered the United States Army at the age of 20, 11 and he rose through the ranks to the position of general; he has served with distinction in numerous assignments, and his service 12 has included such locations as Vietnam, Korea, Europe, and the 13 Iraqi desert during Desert Storm; and 14 15 WHEREAS, A highly respected military leader, General Franks has earned numerous commendations, including four Legion of Merit 16 medals, three Bronze Stars with V device, an Air Medal with V 17 device, and an Army Commendation Medal with V device; and 18 WHEREAS, In 2000, General Franks assumed the position of 19 20 combatant commander for the United States Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; in this role, he oversees 21 22 postwar Afghanistan and coordinates military operations in 23 other nations, stretching from the Horn of Africa into Central Asia; and 23 24 WHEREAS, A patriotic American whose leadership has been

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- 1 invaluable to our country, General Franks has earned the respect of
- 2 people around the globe for his exemplary military service, his
- 3 courage, and his tenacity, and he is a treasured citizen and source
- 4 of great pride to Texans across the state; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 6 hereby commend General Tommy Ray Franks for his outstanding service
- 7 on behalf of our country and extend sincere appreciation to him and
- 8 best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
- 10 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.