

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
3 recognize General Tommy Ray Franks, combatant commander of the  
4 United States Central Command, for his outstanding contributions to  
5 his country; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Midland, Texas, Tommy Franks earned a  
7 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1971  
8 and a master's degree from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania  
9 in 1985; and

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  
12 served with distinction in numerous assignments, and his service  
13 has included such locations as Vietnam, Korea, Europe, and the  
14 Iraqi desert during Desert Storm; and

15 WHEREAS, A highly respected military leader, General Franks  
16 has earned numerous commendations, including four Legion of Merit  
17 medals, three Bronze Stars with V device, an Air Medal with V  
18 device, and an Army Commendation Medal with V device; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2000, General Franks assumed the position of  
20 combatant commander for the United States Central Command at  
21 MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; in this role, he oversees  
22 postwar Afghanistan and coordinates military operations in 23 other  
23 nations, stretching from the Horn of Africa into Central Asia; and

24 WHEREAS, A patriotic American whose leadership has been

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 38 was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 38 was adopted by the House on April 10, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor