By: Bivins

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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

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

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

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invaluable to our country, General Franks has earned the respect of people around the globe for his exemplary military service, his courage, and his tenacity, and he is a treasured citizen and source of great pride to Texans across the state; now, therefore, be it

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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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