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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, United States Army First Lieutenant Joseph C.
2 Whelchel, a native of Lamar County, has been awarded the Bronze Star
3 for his meritorious service in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, From February 2004 to February 2005, this valorous
5 young Texan worked as a physician's assistant with the 1st Infantry
6 Division, caring for the medical needs of U.S. soldiers, the Iraqi
7 Army, Iraqi police, local nationals, and enemy detainees; he is
8 credited with life-saving medical interventions and treatment on
9 countless occasions, including mass casualty operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Whelchel is a graduate of Prairiland High
11 School in Pattonville and Louisiana Tech University, where he
12 received a master's degree in exercise physiology; one of only 25
13 applicants accepted into the Army Physician Assistance program, he
14 also earned a master's degree in physician assistance studies; and

15 WHEREAS, Currently stationed in Germany, Lieutenant Whelchel
16 is blessed with the support of his wife, Dallas, and his three
17 children, Llanden, Tristan, and Chance; and

18 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to Lieutenant
19 Whelchel and to all the members of the United States Armed Forces,
20 for they have been called on to bear great, often unimaginable,
21 burdens, and they have served with unsurpassed valor in defense of
22 this nation and the cause of freedom; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Whelchel's outstanding leadership and
24 unwavering dedication to his mission exemplify the highest

1 standards of the United States Armed Forces, and he is truly
2 deserving of his fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
5 1st Called Session, hereby commend U.S. Army First Lieutenant
6 Joseph C. Whelchel for his outstanding service in Iraq and
7 congratulate him on earning the Bronze Star; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Lieutenant Whelchel as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.