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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The 60th anniversary of the deactivation of the  
2 112th Cavalry, Texas National Guard, on January 17, 2006, affords a  
3 fitting opportunity to recognize the important role of that  
4 regiment in our nation's history; and

5           WHEREAS, The 112th Cavalry served gallantly through 434 days  
6 of combat in the Southwest Pacific theater during World War II, an  
7 essential theater of U.S. operations throughout World War II;  
8 brought into federal service on November 18, 1940, the regiment  
9 helped secure the southern border of the United States as mounted  
10 cavalry, was sent to the South Pacific theater of operations and  
11 served as a mounted security force on the French possession of New  
12 Caledonia, seized Woodlark Island in the Southwest Pacific,  
13 assaulted the Cape Merkus Peninsula at Arawe, defended the  
14 Driniumor River in New Guinea, and participated in the campaigns at  
15 Leyte and Luzon, before entering Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, and  
16 becoming an occupying force in Japan at the end of World War II; and

17           WHEREAS, A regiment of many "firsts," the 112th Cavalry was  
18 the first unit in the Southwest Pacific to use bazookas and  
19 flamethrowers in the destruction of enemy defenses, the first to  
20 use rocket-carrying amphibious assault vehicles (DUKWS) in an  
21 amphibious attack, the first to use the Landing Ship Dock (LSD) in  
22 an attack (USS *Carter Hall*), and the first to use helicopters as a  
23 standard method for medical evacuation; furthermore, the regiment  
24 was nicknamed "The Little Giant of the Pacific" for its proven

1 combat performance in relationship to its relative size; and

2 WHEREAS, On July 2, 1946, the 112th was reactivated as a unit  
3 in the Texas National Guard, it was reclassified as the 112th  
4 Armored Cavalry Regiment and later reclassified as separate  
5 battalions of the 112th Armor, Texas National Guard, and today  
6 combat elements in direct lineage from the 112th Cavalry proudly  
7 serve their nation in Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, The Texas Military Forces Museum and the 112th  
9 Cavalry Veterans Association now serve to commemorate the 112th  
10 Cavalry as a symbol of our commitment to freedom and a source of  
11 great pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby designate January 17, 2006, as 112th Cavalry Day and extend  
14 to all those associated with the 112th Cavalry sincere thanks for a  
15 job well done; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the 112th Cavalry Veterans Association, the active  
18 battalions of the 112th Armor, and the Texas Military Forces Museum  
19 as an expression of esteem by the Texas House of Representatives and  
20 Senate.