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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Fort Hood, the Lone Star State's largest  
2 installation, has been an integral part of the lives of countless  
3 Texans since it was established as Camp Hood in 1942, and it is  
4 indeed appropriate to recognize this Texas landmark and to honor  
5 the brave soldiers who call Fort Hood home; and

6           WHEREAS, Fort Hood is today home to the III U.S. Mobile  
7 Armored Corps, which, with its 1st Cavalry and 4th Infantry  
8 Divisions, its 13th Corps Support Command, and its associated  
9 separate brigades, compose the largest and most powerful standing  
10 military formation in the world; and

11           WHEREAS, Fort Hood, with its 45,000 soldiers and 9,000  
12 civilian employees, has been and continues to be the predominant  
13 engine driving the economy of Central Texas, contributing nearly \$4  
14 billion annually to the Central Texas economy; and

15           WHEREAS, Virtually all of Fort Hood's active duty units are  
16 now serving or have recently served with distinction in Iraq, most  
17 notably the 4th Infantry Division's capture of Saddam Hussein, with  
18 the 1st Cavalry Division's dramatic battles against international  
19 terrorists in the city of Baghdad, and with the 3rd U.S. Corps  
20 taking the lead in command and control of all United States and  
21 multinational ground forces in Iraq; and

22           WHEREAS, Their collective efforts have now allowed the  
23 citizens of Iraq to freely express themselves in internationally  
24 observed elections, though at considerable cost in United States,

1 allied, and freedom-loving Iraqi lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout these most trying times, the families of  
3 our soldiers have steadfastly supported their warriors, have kept  
4 the home fires burning brightly, and stand ready to welcome and  
5 embrace all soldiers as they return home to Texas; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize Fort Hood and its vital role to the  
9 welfare of the citizens of the greater Fort Hood area and honor the  
10 many brave men and women who have been deployed from Fort Hood as  
11 part of the global war on terror.