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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, director of
2 the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, has rendered outstanding service
3 to this country throughout his illustrious career, and he is now
4 playing a vital role in the war on terrorism; and

5 WHEREAS, Reporting directly to the chairman of the Joint
6 Chiefs of Staff, General Schwartz coordinates the unified strategic
7 direction of the nation's combat forces, their operation under
8 unified command, and their integration into an efficient team of
9 land, naval, and air forces; and

10 WHEREAS, This distinguished officer served as an air force
11 crew member in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, and in 1991 he
12 served as chief of staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force
13 for Northern Iraq in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; six
14 years later he led the Joint Task Force that prepared for the
15 evacuation of U.S. citizens in Cambodia; and

16 WHEREAS, Before assuming his present duties in October 2004,
17 General Schwartz served as director of operations for the Joint
18 Staff; he earlier served as commander, Alaskan Command, Alaskan
19 North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and 11th Air Force,
20 and as deputy commander of U.S. Special Operations Command; and

21 WHEREAS, A 1973 graduate of the United States Air Force
22 Academy, General Schwartz earned an M.B.A. from Central Michigan
23 University and has attended the Armed Forces Staff College and
24 National War College; in addition, he was a 1994 Fellow of the

1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI and is a member
2 of the Council on Foreign Relations; and

3 WHEREAS, Awards bestowed on General Schwartz include the
4 Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service
5 Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf
6 clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air
7 Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Army
8 Commendation Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, General Schwartz has been invited by the Jewish
10 Institute for National Security Affairs to present that
11 organization's Grateful Nation Awards at the annual JINSA dinner in
12 Houston on May 26, 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to this country and to its military
14 personnel, who defend the liberties of the American people with
15 selfless valor, General Schwartz embodies the highest ideals of the
16 United States armed forces, and the State of Texas is indeed proud
17 to have him present among us on this special occasion; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby welcome Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz to
21 the Lone Star State and extend to him profound appreciation for his
22 exceptional service in this country's behalf; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for General Schwartz as an expression of high esteem by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.