

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

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

WHEREAS, Fort Hood is today home to the III United States Mobile Armored Corps, which with its 1st Cavalry and 4th Infantry Divisions, its 13th Corps Support Command, and its associated separate brigades, is the largest and most powerful standing military formation in the world; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Their collective efforts have now allowed the citizens of Iraq to freely express themselves in internationally observed elections, though at considerable cost in United States, allied, and freedom-loving Iraqi lives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout these most trying times, the families of our soldiers have steadfastly supported their warriors, have

kept the home fires burning brightly, and have stood ready to welcome and embrace all soldiers as they return home to Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize Fort Hood and its vital role to the welfare of the citizens of the greater Fort Hood area and honor the many brave men and women who have been deployed from Fort Hood as part of the global war on terror; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the soldiers of Fort Hood as an expression of deepest gratitude and high regard.

Fraser, Averitt, Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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