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H.C.R. No. 181

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has a long history of  
2           venerating military units by designating memorial highways in their  
3           honor, and the exemplary service demonstrated by Texas members of  
4           the 75th Ranger Regiment of the United States Army is certainly  
5           worthy of such a tribute; and

6           WHEREAS, Known to many as the United States Army Rangers, the  
7           75th Ranger Regiment is an elite special operations force that can  
8           trace its lineage to the American Revolutionary War; since the  
9           beginning of World War II, the regiment has distinguished itself in  
10          14 battles and wars, including the Battle of Normandy, the Battle of  
11          the Bulge, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Enduring  
12          Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

13          WHEREAS, Earning dozens of medals and citations, Texas  
14          members of the 75th Ranger Regiment have served their country with  
15          extraordinary heroism in battle; U.S. Army Corporal William M.  
16          Amundson, Jr., of The Woodlands, for example, was a member of the  
17          3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, when he was killed in action in  
18          eastern Afghanistan on October 19, 2004, and the sacrifices  
19          Corporal Amundson made on the battlefield earned him the Bronze  
20          Star, the Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal; and

21          WHEREAS, Membership in this exclusive force is signified by  
22          the coveted black and gold Ranger tab as well as the 75th Ranger  
23          Regiment patch; each time the legislature has named a highway or  
24          highway segment to honor a military unit, the Texas Department of

1 Transportation has designed memorial markers to feature the  
2 distinctive insignia worn by unit members; designating State  
3 Highway 75 as the 75th Ranger Regiment Highway and featuring the  
4 unit's emblems on markers along the roadway would be a fitting  
5 tribute to Corporal Amundson and the many Texans who have served as  
6 United States Army Rangers; now, therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby designate State Highway 75 between Streetman and Conroe as  
9 the 75th Ranger Regiment Highway; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That the legislature hereby request that the Texas  
11 Department of Transportation feature the Ranger tab and 75th Ranger  
12 Regiment patch on memorial markers for the highway; and, be it  
13 further

14         RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
15 copy of this resolution to the chairman of the Texas Transportation  
16 Commission and the executive director of the Texas Department of  
17 Transportation.