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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major John Oh was awarded the Soldier's Medal for
2 his selfless efforts to save a wounded soldier's life during March
3 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Stationed at Camp Aned on the border between
5 Afghanistan and Pakistan, Major Oh served as a general surgeon with
6 the 759th Medical Detachment, Forward Surgical Team (Airborne),
7 Task Force Med; although every day brought its unique challenges,
8 this day he was faced with an especially dangerous situation when he
9 discovered an unexploded rocket-propelled grenade protruding from
10 the stomach of a new patient; he ordered everyone out of the
11 battalion aid station while he donned his body armor and ballistic
12 helmet and quickly determined the necessary course of action; then,
13 following intubation and X-ray procedures, Major Oh led a team of
14 six in an operation that safely removed the grenade; and

15 WHEREAS, Major John Oh has since gone on to become chief of
16 general surgery at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood,
17 but his decisive and heroic actions that fateful day will not soon
18 be forgotten; thanks to his bravery, skill, and personal sacrifice,
19 a potential tragedy was successfully averted; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commend Major John Oh for his exemplary actions
22 in the midst of a critical medical event and congratulate him on his
23 receipt of the Soldier's Medal; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Major Oh as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.