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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General Pete Taylor
2 received the 2007 Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club
3 of Killeen in recognition of his many years of exemplary community
4 leadership; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Tennessee, Pete Taylor holds a
6 bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, as well
7 as a master's degree from Kansas State University, and is a graduate
8 of the U.S. Army War College and the U.S. Army Command and General
9 Staff College; he began his distinguished military career in 1960
10 and subsequently served two tours of duty in Vietnam; he steadily
11 rose through the ranks to become Commander General of III Corps at
12 Fort Hood, all the while shaping the lives of many military leaders
13 with his sound advice and astute judgment; and

14 WHEREAS, Since retiring in 1993, General Taylor has been
15 called on for his military expertise by Governor George W. Bush, who
16 appointed him to the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission,
17 which he chaired for several years, and by U.S. Representative
18 Nancy Pelosi, who appointed him as commissioner to the Overseas
19 Basing Commission; in addition, he was asked by Central Texas
20 mayors to lead the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, a group that
21 advocates for the sustainability of Fort Hood and other defense
22 industries in the area; and

23 WHEREAS, General Taylor has long supported the Killeen
24 community through his involvement in such noteworthy organizations

1 as the United Way, the Rotary Club, the Greater Killeen Chamber of
2 Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, the Killeen Food Center, and
3 the American Cancer Society; he served for more than five years on
4 the Killeen Independent School District Board of Trustees and, as a
5 member of the Central Texas University Task Force, was instrumental
6 in establishing the Killeen campus of Tarleton State University;
7 moreover, he served as vice chair of the Heights State Bank board
8 for nearly a decade; and

9 WHEREAS, One of General Taylor's most significant
10 accomplishments is cofounding the Military Child Education
11 Coalition, a national organization that has helped countless
12 military families address the challenges of frequent school
13 transitions faced by their children, and he remains active with
14 MCEC as a member of the board of directors; and

15 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, including the
16 Frank W. Mayborn Humanitarian Award, General Taylor enjoyed many
17 happy years with his wife, the late Mary Jane Taylor, with whom he
18 raised three children, Kay, Scott, and Curtis, and welcomed six
19 grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, The generosity, dedication, and tireless efforts of
21 Lieutenant General Pete Taylor have contributed vitally to the city
22 of Killeen, the Lone Star State, and this nation, and he truly
23 merits the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant
27 General Pete Taylor on his receipt of the 2007 Book of Golden Deeds

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1 Award from the Exchange Club of Killeen and extend to him sincere
2 best wishes for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Lieutenant General Pete Taylor as an expression of
5 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.