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H.R. No. 964

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to pay
2 tribute to the men and women of Fort Bliss and their invaluable
3 contributions to El Paso, our state, and the nation on the occasion
4 of Fort Bliss Day at the State Capitol, which is being celebrated on
5 March 21, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 1849, Fort Bliss integrates elements
7 from five major United States Army commands and is home to a diverse
8 array of training and tactical units; it is composed of
9 state-of-the-art training areas, ranges, and facilities and is led
10 by innovative, focused professionals; and

11 WHEREAS, Fort Bliss is home to an active duty military force
12 of more than 14,000 soldiers, and with family members and retirees,
13 the Fort Bliss community encompasses a population of more than
14 135,000; through upcoming base realignments and closures, Fort
15 Bliss is expected to gain approximately 20,000 soldiers over the
16 next five years; and

17 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, more than 100,000
18 personnel have deployed through Fort Bliss, and the base is
19 expected to continue to play a major role in the continuing war
20 against terrorism; and

21 WHEREAS, Fort Bliss is the largest single employer in the El
22 Paso area and has an annual local economic impact of more than \$2
23 billion; rated as the United States Army installation with the
24 highest military value, it is a premier facility for the training,

1 mobilization, and deployment of combat forces; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend the men and women of Fort Bliss for their
5 many contributions to the defense of our nation and extend to their
6 delegation a heartfelt welcome to Austin for Fort Bliss Day at the
7 State Capitol; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the soldiers of Fort Bliss as an expression of
10 gratitude and high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.