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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Thirty-eight citizen soldiers from Texas are  
2 receiving the Army Valorous Unit Award on May 5, 2007, for their  
3 heroic actions in Iraq; and

4           WHEREAS, These dedicated men and women served as members of  
5 the U.S. Army B Company, 490 Civil Affairs Battalion, which was  
6 deployed to Anbar Province in April 2003; and

7           WHEREAS, Civil affairs soldiers are trained to work with  
8 people of other nations to rebuild infrastructure and organize  
9 representative governments, and they possess expertise and skills  
10 in areas of public safety, health and welfare, legal systems, labor  
11 management, finance, education, public works and communications,  
12 transportation, food and agriculture, economic development, and  
13 disaster relief; and

14           WHEREAS, Divided into several teams, members of B Company  
15 were sent throughout the province, and in spite of the very real  
16 dangers, including insurgents and improvised explosive devices,  
17 they made significant strides toward rebuilding a number of cities;  
18 in Fallujah, soldiers orchestrated more than \$2 million in  
19 construction projects, including rebuilding 99 schools, the  
20 mayor's office, and three police stations, and they reorganized the  
21 local police force; soldiers sent to Hit and Rutbah coordinated  
22 rebuilding in excess of \$1.4 million and installed an irrigation  
23 system that covered more than 100,000 square kilometers; in Ramadi  
24 and Qaim, in addition to performing extensive redevelopment, they

1 educated town council members on city management and instructed  
2 local companies on doing business in a free market system; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their unfaltering devotion to duty, honor,  
4 and this nation, these brave servicemen and servicewomen have  
5 embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces and earned the  
6 lasting respect and gratitude of their fellow Texans; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor the 38 members of B Company, 490 Civil  
10 Affairs Battalion, on their receipt of a Valorous Unit Award and  
11 commend them for their heroic and steadfast service in Iraq; and, be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for each of these brave Texans as an expression of high  
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.