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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of West Texas came together on April 20,
2 2007, for the 42nd Annual Armed Forces Barbecue in Abilene; and

3 WHEREAS, This singular event, hosted by the Abilene Chamber
4 of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, is given to honor the
5 service of all area active duty, reserve, and national guard
6 military personnel; the event also pays tribute to one deserving
7 family with the presentation of the Dyess Family of the Year award,
8 which is given for outstanding community service; and

9 WHEREAS, Originally held at the Dyess Air Force Base picnic
10 grounds, the barbecue has been held at the Abilene Civic Center now
11 for over 30 years; in the past year alone, 3,300 pounds of beef, 600
12 pounds of sausage style beans, 50 gallons of sauce, and 1,000 pounds
13 of coleslaw were used to make 4,500 meals, including several
14 hundred plates that were delivered to on-duty personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, Former Abilene mayor Fred Lee Hughes chaired the
16 Armed Forces Barbecue before passing the torch to Bob Deegan, who
17 oversaw this worthwhile endeavor for more than 20 years; in 1999,
18 Rob Barnhill assumed the role, and under his leadership, the
19 military affairs committee has expanded its honoree base to include
20 Department of Defense civilians; and

21 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the Armed Forces
22 Barbecue has paid tribute to the stalwart service of our brave men
23 and women in uniform, while providing an exciting and enjoyable
24 occasion for all those in attendance; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 42nd Annual Armed Forces
3 Barbecue and commend the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military
4 Affairs Committee for its efforts in behalf of military personnel;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the event's organizers as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.