

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant John R. Hoover has
2 been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service as
3 team leader of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Flight, 447th
4 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, 447th Air Expeditionary
5 Group, at Sather Air Base, Iraq, from May 27, 2006, to October 3,
6 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, In support of the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st
8 Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 447th Expeditionary Group, and
9 the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation, Staff Sergeant Hoover
10 responded to EOD's busiest area of operations in Iraq covering 500
11 square miles in the vicinity of Baghdad, Baghdad International
12 Airport, and Forward Operating Bases Falcon and Mahmudiyah; his
13 crucial leadership led to the safe resolution of 67 EOD emergency
14 responses, including 49 improvised explosive devices, four
15 unexploded ordnances, four post-blast analyses, and eight weapons
16 cache missions; moreover, he was instrumental in the destruction of
17 more than 1,000 ordnance items, 5,000 rounds of small arms
18 ammunition, numerous IED components, and 400 pounds of homemade
19 explosives; and

20 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Hoover further distinguished himself
21 through his participation in Operation Yugo, during which he
22 supported Task Force Falcon in disrupting an AQIZ cell, and through
23 his technical expertise in the recovery of a downed Apache
24 helicopter, which required the removal of ammunition and missiles;

1 in addition, during one 18-hour period, he was charged with nine
2 emergency responses, including the safe return of a convoy after
3 one of its vehicles was disabled by an IED; and

4 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to Staff
5 Sergeant Hoover and to all of the country's military personnel, for
6 they are called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens, and
7 they render service and sacrifice that is truly beyond measure; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
9 this nation, John Hoover embodies the highest ideals of the United
10 States armed forces, and it is indeed fitting to honor his
11 outstanding service in behalf of this nation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Staff Sergeant John R. Hoover for his
14 heroic actions in Iraq and congratulate him on his receipt of the
15 Bronze Star Medal; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Staff Sergeant Hoover as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2142 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House