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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.