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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, U.S. Army Lieutenant Travis Atwood has been awarded  
2 a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device, the nation's fourth highest  
3 combat award, for his exceptional heroism as a platoon leader  
4 during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

5           WHEREAS, Since August 2006, Lieutenant Atwood has served with  
6 the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st  
7 Infantry Division, which conducts operations in conjunction with  
8 the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi Police, and the local populace in order to  
9 reduce sectarian violence and promote peaceful governance in the  
10 Adhamiyah sector of northeast Baghdad; in September of that year,  
11 he successfully maintained command and control of an element the  
12 size of three U.S. Army platoons while under attack; he called in  
13 close air support fires, while coordinating with the Tactical  
14 Operations Center and providing battlefield situation reports and  
15 intelligence; and

16           WHEREAS, A 2005 graduate of the United States Military  
17 Academy at West Point, Travis Atwood is the husband of Terran Atwood  
18 of Abilene and the son of Sam and Shirley Atwood of Goliad; and

19           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Atwood's outstanding leadership has  
20 greatly contributed to the Global War on Terrorism, and his sure and  
21 decisive actions during combat operations reflect admirably on the  
22 Multinational Division--Baghdad and the United States Army; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

1 Legislature hereby commend Lieutenant Travis Atwood for his  
2 exemplary service as a member of the United States Army and  
3 congratulate him on his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor  
4 Device; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Lieutenant Atwood as an expression of high regard by  
7 the Texas House of Representatives.