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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of the Texas National Guard,
2 its members have served the Lone Star State with distinction and
3 valor, and the important contributions of the 71st Brigade Combat
4 Team and its subordinate battalions are truly worthy of special
5 recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, With remarkable perseverance, courage,
7 self-sacrifice, and military competence, the soldiers of this
8 esteemed Texas Brigade have supported the Global War on Terrorism
9 and Homeland Defense throughout the state; dutifully carrying out
10 their mission in North Texas since July 18, 1917, as the 71st
11 Brigade 36th Infantry Division, the 72nd Separate Infantry Brigade
12 (Mechanized), 3rd Brigade 49th Armored Division, and again as the
13 71st Brigade 36th Infantry Division, the soldiers have continuously
14 supported the needs of the State of Texas, its governor and
15 communities, and the wartime mission of the U.S. Army and the
16 nation's president; and

17 WHEREAS, The Texas military forces are undergoing a historic
18 transformation to capably meet the needs of the great State of
19 Texas, her citizens, and the United States Army and its future
20 missions; as new Texas Guard units are created, the distinguished
21 National Guard soldiers of the 71st Brigade will rise to meet the
22 challenge of their changing duties; and

23 WHEREAS, The 71st Brigade 36th Infantry Division will case
24 their esteemed colors and guidons in Dallas on July 15, 2007,

1 concluding their mission and permanently recording their honorable
2 legacy in the annals of Texas and U.S. Army history; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend all of the men and women who have served
6 with the 71st Brigade 36th Infantry Division for defending the
7 freedoms and rights of the citizens of the United States and extend
8 to these soldiers, their commander, Colonel George A. Brinegar, and
9 their Command Sergeant Major Joe H. Ray deep gratitude for their
10 service and sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the adjutant general of the State of Texas military
13 forces, the commander of the 36th Infantry Division, and the
14 headquarters of the 71st Brigade as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives.