

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The dedicated soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry
2 Regiment received the Valorous Unit Award on May 5, 2007, for their
3 heroic actions in Iraq during 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Deployed to Anbar Province in Iraq in April 2003,
5 the 3rd Armored Cavalry was tasked with securing the extensive
6 region, home to Fallujah, Ramadi, and Qaim and one of the country's
7 most notoriously volatile areas; bordered by Saudi Arabia, Jordan,
8 and Syria, the province was especially vulnerable to insurgent
9 activity, and soldiers often completed missions involving fierce
10 battles; and

11 WHEREAS, The unit's myriad combat achievements include
12 destroying insurgent training grounds and safe houses,
13 confiscating thousands of weapons and artillery rounds, and
14 capturing former members of the Saddam Hussein regime; moreover,
15 they set up the first highway patrols on the 500-kilometer
16 Jordanian highway, significantly reducing violence and creating a
17 safe corridor through which humanitarian assistance could move in
18 and out; and

19 WHEREAS, Responsible for a range of civil operations as well,
20 the 3rd Armored Cavalry was instrumental in securing and repairing
21 the Haditha Dam, and it helped organize Anbar's first-ever
22 provincial council; in addition, team members opened Iraqi police
23 stations, courthouses, and prisons, built schools, secured mass
24 grave sites, distributed daily rations, and provided economic

1 assistance to civil servants; and

2 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the
3 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and to all of the country's military
4 personnel, for they are called on to bear great, often
5 unimaginable, burdens, and they render service and sacrifice that
6 is truly beyond measure; and

7 WHEREAS, Through their unfaltering devotion to duty, honor,
8 and this nation, these brave servicemen and servicewomen have
9 embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and it is
10 indeed fitting to honor their outstanding service in behalf of this
11 nation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor the members of the 3rd Armored Cavalry
14 Regiment on their receipt of a Valorous Unit Award and commend them
15 for their heroic and steadfast service in Iraq; and, be it further

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

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Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
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Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2488

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2488 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House