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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.