

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 567

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Captain Marisa Alma Alvarado-Brown for her service to her country in the United States Air Force and for her efforts in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Captain Alvarado-Brown was deployed to Iraq in January of 2007; for six months, she will be working with a team of trained and licensed professionals who provide psychological assistance to military personnel including counseling to those serving in the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Marisa is a 1996 graduate of Edinburg North High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and head drum major for the Cougar band; in 2000, she earned a bachelor's degree in social work from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, While pursuing a master's degree in social work, Marisa worked with Child Protective Services and at Brackenridge Hospital, where her duties included working on night shifts, in the emergency room, and in air transport services; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation in 2002, Marisa joined the Air Force as a licensed clinical social worker and was ranked as a first lieutenant; she since has earned numerous awards and was promoted to captain in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Alvarado-Brown is a fine example of the patriotic Americans who are making personal sacrifices to support this nation's efforts in Iraq; the courage she has shown in facing her daunting task is inspiring; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Captain Marisa Alma Alvarado-Brown for her service to her country and extend to her best wishes for a safe mission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate