

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1073

WHEREAS, The United States Army Operational Test Command's Forward Operational Assessment Team VII played a vital role in support of American soldiers and performed a critical service to this nation from November of 2006 to April of 2007 in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1969 as the army's only independent operational tester, the Operational Test Command assesses systems and equipment in various realistic operational environments to determine whether those systems are suitable and effective; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hood is home to the command's headquarters, and there are five test directorates and four forward test directorates located at Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina; it is a subordinate command under the Army Test and Evaluation Command located in Alexandria, Virginia, which provides full-spectrum testing and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Forward Operational Assessment Teams have been deployed since 2003 and are rotated every six months; they are embedded with combat and support units to collect data, identify shortfalls, resolve issues, and help soldiers understand how to employ and maintain their equipment; and

WHEREAS, By conducting realistic, objective operational tests and experiments on systems and weapons, the Army Test and Evaluation Command, the Operational Test Command, and the Forward Operational Assessment teams help put the best possible equipment into the hands of United States soldiers as quickly as possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby honor the Army Test and Evaluation Command, the United States Army Operational Test Command, and Forward Operational Assessment Team VII for their exceptional service to our soldiers, the United States Army, and our great nation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Forward Operational Assessment Team VII as an expression of highest regard 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 May 18, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate