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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fort Hood community and citizens of Central
2 Texas are celebrating Fort Hood Day on January 30, 2009, and this
3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the
4 extraordinary service rendered by this renowned military
5 installation and its dedicated personnel; and

6 WHEREAS, Officially opened on September 18, 1942, Fort Hood
7 is the largest active-duty armored post in the United States, with a
8 total area of 340 square miles; today, as the Army's "premier power
9 projection platform," Fort Hood upholds its mission to maintain
10 combat readiness and the capacity to mount a "rapid and massive
11 military response"; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the 1970s, Fort Hood has also been at the
13 forefront in testing and introducing new equipment and training
14 troops in its use, as well as in evaluating and incorporating new
15 tactics and organizational structure; while troops at Fort Hood are
16 predominantly focused on combat preparedness, they have also
17 deployed to Bosnia in a peacekeeping capacity, and they routinely
18 provide disaster relief both at home and abroad; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 52,000 soldiers, one out of every 10 on
20 active duty, are currently assigned to Fort Hood; the only military
21 post in the United States that is able to support two armored
22 divisions, the fort is home to the 1st Cavalry Division and the 4th
23 Infantry Division, in addition to the III Corps Headquarters, the
24 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), the 3rd Armored Cavalry

1 Regiment, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team 1st Infantry Division, and a
2 number of other units; and

3 WHEREAS, Since World War II, when the number of troops
4 stationed at Fort Hood rose as high as 100,000, the post has trained
5 and deployed soldiers for action in Korea, Vietnam, and the First
6 Gulf War, as well as dispatched troops to Somalia, the Caribbean
7 Basin, Central America, and Southwest Asia; and

8 WHEREAS, To date, Fort Hood has deployed more troops for
9 Operation Iraqi Freedom than any other base, and its 96th
10 Transportation Company, which shipped out for its sixth tour of
11 duty in October 2008, has deployed more often to Iraq than any other
12 army unit; reflecting its heavy contribution to the war effort in
13 that country, Fort Hood has sustained the most casualties in Iraq of
14 any post; a number of Fort Hood units have also served in
15 Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, Among the myriad missions undertaken by Fort Hood
17 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, one that will forever be recounted
18 in the history books is the capture of Saddam Hussein by the 1st
19 Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division in December 2003;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Through their courage, professionalism, and
22 devotion to duty, the soldiers of Fort Hood exemplify the highest
23 standards of the United States armed forces, and their fellow
24 citizens owe to all these troops the deepest debt of gratitude; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
27 Legislature hereby recognize January 30, 2009, as Fort Hood Day and

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1 extend to all those assigned to that post profound appreciation for
2 their exemplary valor and their immeasurable service in this
3 nation's behalf.