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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Robert W. Cone of the United
2 States Army concluded his command of III Corps and Fort Hood on
3 April 21, 2011, and he is indeed deserving of special recognition
4 for his distinguished service; and

5 WHEREAS, Appointed to oversee III Corps in September 2009,
6 General Cone demonstrated exceptional leadership while guiding the
7 Fort Hood community through the events surrounding the tragic
8 shooting that took place at the base on November 5, 2009; while ably
9 managing that crisis, he also supervised the unit's vital efforts
10 in our nation's military operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Fort Hood is familiar ground for General Cone, who
12 undertook his first duty as an armor officer there while a member of
13 the Second Armored Division from 1980 to 1984; he later returned to
14 Central Texas from 1998 to 2001, holding the posts of division G3
15 and brigade commander with the Fourth Infantry Division; and

16 WHEREAS, This accomplished officer has also proven his
17 abilities in a broad range of other assignments; his contributions
18 to major combat operations have included service in support of
19 Operation Desert Storm in 1991 as part of the 11th Armored Cavalry
20 Regiment and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, when he
21 was part of the CENTCOM Headquarters staff; in addition, he
22 directed the Combined Security Transition Command--Afghanistan in
23 2007 and 2008, helping to develop the Afghan National Army and
24 Police; and

1 WHEREAS, General Cone's educational achievements include a
2 bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy and
3 master's degrees from The University of Texas at Austin and the
4 Naval War College, where he was a graduate of highest distinction;
5 he has further drawn on his education and expertise in such roles as
6 director of the Joint Advanced Warfighting Program, commanding
7 general of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California,
8 and special assistant to the commander of the U.S. Army Training and
9 Doctrine Command (TRADOC); and

10 WHEREAS, He is the recipient of numerous commendations,
11 including the Defense Superior Service Medal with one Oak Leaf
12 Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze
13 Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf
14 Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters,
15 the Army Achievement Medal, and the Ghazi Wazir Mohammad Akbar Khan
16 State Medal from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; and

17 WHEREAS, For his exemplary service, General Cone has been
18 promoted to the rank of four-star general and is taking over the
19 command of TRADOC; at this time it is a pleasure to honor him for his
20 outstanding tenure at Fort Hood and his ongoing efforts in behalf of
21 our nation's security; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Lieutenant General Robert W. Cone on his
24 exemplary service as the commanding general of III Corps and Fort
25 Hood and congratulate him on his promotion to the rank of four-star
26 general; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for General Cone as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.