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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to 3 recognize Otto P. Scharth on the occasion of his 88th birthday; and 4 WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman served the nation with

5 honor and distinction in the United States Army for 32 years, 6 retiring with the rank of colonel; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Scharth enlisted in military service in 1943 and 8 served as a combat infantryman in the European theater of 9 operations during World War II; he went on to lead a special 10 operations unit during the Huk Rebellion in the Philippines, to 11 serve as a heavy weapons company commander in Korea, and to work as 12 a senior logistics planner during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the armed forces in 13 1975, he served as director of military affairs at the University of 14 15 Mary Hardin-Baylor, where he worked with diligence and professionalism to ensure that soldiers and their family members 16 17 could pursue a college education; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Scharth has been a leader in the Belton 19 community, organizing and leading the Belton Kiwanis Club and the 20 Fort Hood chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars; he has 21 made numerous educational presentations in area high schools and 22 before civic and church groups throughout the region; and

23 WHEREAS, A beloved and respected member of his community, he 24 is known for his courage, his compassion for others, and his

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enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commend Otto P. Scharth on his exceptional service to the nation and state and extend to him best wishes for a memorable 88th birthday; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him 7 as an expression of high regard from the Texas Legislature.