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1 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
- 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
- 14 1975, he served as director of military affairs at the University of
- 15 Mary Hardin-Baylor, where he worked with diligence and
- 16 professionalism to ensure that soldiers and their family members
- 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
- 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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- 1 enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
- 3 hereby commend Otto P. Scharth on his exceptional service to the
- 4 nation and state and extend to him best wishes for a memorable 88th
- 5 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.