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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major Jim Horn of Denton continues to serve his
2 country with exemplary dedication while compiling an exceptional
3 record of achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Denton on August 6, 1979, Major Horn is the
5 son of former Texas state representative Jim Horn and Denton County
6 judge Mary Horn; a star athlete in high school, he attended the
7 United States Military Academy at West Point, where he played on the
8 soccer team; he graduated in 2001 and was commissioned as a second
9 lieutenant in the infantry; and

10 WHEREAS, In March 2003, Lieutenant Horn took part in the
11 invasion of Iraq as coalition forces launched Operation Iraqi
12 Freedom; he served as an infantry platoon leader and reconnaissance
13 platoon leader with the 3rd Infantry, which led in the capture of
14 Baghdad; on returning home, he was promoted to captain and sent to
15 the captain's career course at Fort Benning, Georgia; subsequently,
16 he was asked to serve as an instructor for the final "swamp phase"
17 of the Army Ranger School at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; and

18 WHEREAS, During his second deployment with the 82nd Airborne
19 Division, Captain Horn served as an infantry company commander in
20 western Iraq, where he used counterinsurgency methods to support
21 Iraqi allies; finally, in his third and last tour in Iraq, he served
22 as a brigade headquarters company commander, overseeing security
23 and contracts at Camp Ramadi; and

24 WHEREAS, After completing his final tour of duty in Iraq,

1 this outstanding officer received promotion to major and attended
2 the Naval War College in Rhode Island; Major Horn graduated with
3 distinction and was selected to become a Director Fellow on the
4 Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group, an annual think
5 tank, where he worked on concepts of future warfare; and

6 WHEREAS, After completing his work with the Strategic Studies
7 Group, Major Horn was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in
8 Vicenza, Italy, and was deployed to Afghanistan, where he served as
9 deputy brigade operations officer; he managed the brigade's Plans
10 and Orders Shop and targeting process while it conducted its
11 Security Force Assistant mission, closed several bases, and began
12 shipping equipment out of the country; and

13 WHEREAS, In May 2013, Major Horn is assuming the post of
14 executive officer for the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry
15 Regiment; among the many decorations and awards conferred on Major
16 Horn by the army are five Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service
17 Medal, and the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals; and

18 WHEREAS, Through his selfless and unfaltering devotion to his
19 country, Major Horn embodies the highest ideals of the United
20 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting respect,
21 gratitude, and admiration of his fellow Texans and all Americans;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Army Major Jim Horn for his
25 courageous service in this country's behalf and extend to him
26 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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