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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, World War II veteran Charles Alford of Waco has been  
2 featured in the *Waco Tribune-Herald* as one of its Voices of Valor;  
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4           WHEREAS, Mr. Alford enlisted in the army following the attack  
5 on Pearl Harbor and subsequently attended the Field Artillery  
6 Officer Candidate School, graduating as a second lieutenant; his  
7 first posting was to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he joined the  
8 65th Division, 868th Field Artillery Battalion; a year later he  
9 became a survey officer and was promoted to first lieutenant; and

10           WHEREAS, After he was transferred overseas, Mr. Alford  
11 became a forward observer with the 6th Armored Division of General  
12 George S. Patton's Third Army; he participated in the Battle of the  
13 Bulge and in the fighting to relieve Bastogne, and he took part in  
14 the liberation of Buchenwald; among the awards bestowed on this  
15 courageous Texan were the Silver Star, for gallantry in action at  
16 Leipzig, and three Bronze Stars; reassigned to the 2nd Armored  
17 Division after the end of the war, he remained in Germany as part of  
18 the Allied occupation and served as a juror on war crimes tribunals;  
19 following his discharge at Fort Hood in 1946, he joined the  
20 reserves, from which he later retired after 28 years of cumulative  
21 service; and

22           WHEREAS, While stationed at Fort Hood, Mr. Alford met and  
23 married Goldia Brashears, and the couple shared 61 loving years  
24 together before she passed away; he now lives in Waco, where he

1 enjoys spending time with his children and other loved ones; and

2           WHEREAS, Through his bravery and great dedication, Charles  
3 Alford fulfilled the highest ideals of the United States armed  
4 forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a lasting debt of gratitude;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Charles Alford for his exemplary service  
8 to his country as a member of the United States Army and  
9 congratulate him on his recognition as one of the Voices of Valor by  
10 the *Waco Tribune-Herald*; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Alford as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.