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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Fort Hood is celebrating its 75th anniversary in
2 2017, and this is a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the base's
3 significant role in the history of our state and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, In January 1942, only weeks after the Japanese
5 attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Army announced that it was
6 establishing a tank destroyer tactical and firing center near
7 Killeen, and on April 2, 1942, the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion
8 under the command of General Andrew D. Bruce arrived from Fort
9 Meade, Maryland; named after Confederate Army General John Bell
10 Hood, Camp Hood was officially opened on September 18, 1942; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War II, Camp Hood's mission expanded to
12 include basic training; nearly 100,000 soldiers trained for combat
13 there, and in the later years of the war, approximately 4,000 German
14 prisoners were interned at the camp; in 1950, it was renamed Fort
15 Hood, and permanent buildings began to be constructed; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1961, Fort Hood has been home to the U.S. Army
17 III Corps, and its current roster includes the 1st Cavalry Division
18 and 1st Army Division West; units from Fort Hood have deployed to
19 every major conflict since World War II, including Korea, Vietnam,
20 Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq; it also
21 supports homeland security as the antiterror training ground for
22 Army Reserve and National Guard units; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the "Great Place" has grown from its original
24 108,000 acres to nearly 218,000 acres across the rolling hills of

1 Central Texas; it serves a population of 400,000, including active
2 duty troops, family members, civilian employees, defense
3 contractors, retirees, and survivors of fallen soldiers, and it
4 generates a statewide economic impact of \$35.4 billion every year;
5 it is the largest active duty armored post in the nation's military,
6 home not only to members of the cavalry and the infantry, but to
7 tanker personnel, engineers, mechanics, health care professionals,
8 and workers in other disciplines; and

9 WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, Fort Hood has
10 played an integral part in the defense of our nation and in the
11 culture and economy of the Lone Star State, and the men and women of
12 Fort Hood may indeed take great pride in their myriad contributions
13 as they celebrate this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Fort Hood and extend to
16 everyone associated with the base sincere best wishes for continued
17 success in their important work.