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H.R. No. 977

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jim Davenport, Jimmy Marquez, and Alan Johnson of
2 Student Veteran Services at the University of North Texas have
3 demonstrated remarkable skill and exemplary commitment in serving
4 military veterans who are attending the university; and

5 WHEREAS, Student Veteran Services helps individuals who have
6 served in the U.S. armed forces make a seamless transition to
7 college life, earn a degree, and establish themselves in their
8 chosen field; the office offers such programs as individual and
9 group counseling, the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society for
10 student veterans, and training sessions to increase faculty and
11 staff understanding of issues that veterans face and ways in which
12 they can assist in veterans' academic and professional development;
13 the office also sponsors an annual Veterans Day celebration on
14 campus; and

15 WHEREAS, These three members of Student Veteran Services are
16 uniquely knowledgeable about veterans' experiences by virtue of
17 their own military service; Mr. Davenport and Mr. Marquez were both
18 staff sergeants in the U.S. Army, where they served for 20 years and
19 13 years, respectively; Mr. Davenport worked with various units,
20 while Mr. Marquez served with the Regimental Special Troops
21 Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; Mr. Johnson, a four-year army
22 veteran, served as a specialist in the 1st Battalion, 325th
23 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division; and

24 WHEREAS, By connecting veterans and their families with

1 invaluable resources and by offering critical moral support, this
2 trio of dedicated staff members is helping a vital segment of the
3 student population at UNT to thrive in the college environment and
4 to prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Jim Davenport, Jimmy Marquez, and Alan
8 Johnson for their work with Student Veteran Services at the
9 University of North Texas and extend to them sincere best wishes for
10 continued success in their important endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
12 for Mr. Davenport, Mr. Marquez, and Mr. Johnson as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.