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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant (Ret.) Steve Land of
2 Belton has served this country with tremendous courage and
3 dedication; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Midland, Steve Land graduated from
5 Belton High School in 2003, and two years later, he answered his
6 nation's call to duty by enlisting in the army; in addition to being
7 stationed in Hawaii, South Korea, and Germany, he served four
8 deployments to the Middle East; and

9 WHEREAS, While on patrol in Zabul Province in Afghanistan in
10 2009, Sergeant Land was seriously injured when his Humvee was
11 struck by an improvised explosive device; the blast claimed the
12 lives of everyone in the vehicle except Sergeant Land, who was
13 immediately flown to Germany for treatment; he later recuperated at
14 Walter Reed National Military Medical Center near Washington, D.C.,
15 for nearly a year and was then transferred to Brooke Army Medical
16 Center in San Antonio; he retired from the army in 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to our
18 country's military personnel, for they are called on to bear great,
19 often unimaginable burdens, and they render service and sacrifice
20 that is truly beyond measure; through his unfaltering devotion to
21 his country, Sergeant Land embodies the highest ideals of the U.S.
22 armed forces, and he has earned the lasting respect and
23 appreciation of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor Sergeant Steve Land for his valorous
2 service in behalf of his country and extend to him heartfelt best
3 wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Sergeant Land as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.