

1 conduct training and operational missions for AFRICOM; it is also
2 equipped to handle large military aircraft, and the city boasts one
3 of the nation's most vibrant ports, which handles 40 percent of all
4 United States trade with Africa; moreover, the community is
5 exceptionally supportive of the military, and the Greater Houston
6 area has strong cultural, educational, medical, and diplomatic ties
7 with Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, The Government Accountability Office has concluded
9 that the relocation of AFRICOM to the United States would generate
10 tremendous cost savings and economic benefits, and Ellington Field
11 Joint Reserve Base offers advantages that would enhance the
12 effectiveness of the headquarters; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the
15 Department of Defense to relocate the United States Africa Command
16 to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
18 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
19 the secretary of the Department of Defense, to the president of the
20 Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
21 States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to
22 Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the
23 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
24 States of America.