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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army celebrated  
2 its 100th anniversary in September 2021, providing a fitting  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to the history of this legendary  
4 American fighting force; and

5           WHEREAS, The 1st Cavalry Division was established on  
6 September 13, 1921, at Fort Bliss in El Paso; early in its history,  
7 the soldiers of the unit patrolled the Mexican border on horseback,  
8 but by World War II, the division was part of a modern, mechanized  
9 army; it took part in jungle and amphibious warfare in the South  
10 Pacific, at Los Negros Island and in the Philippines, and in  
11 February 1945, it was the first American unit to enter Manila; the  
12 division went on to spend five years in Japan as part of the  
13 occupation forces; and

14           WHEREAS, During the Korean War, the 1st Cavalry Division came  
15 ashore in the first amphibious landing and fought north of the 38th  
16 parallel, reaching Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea; the unit  
17 took part in 549 days of continuous combat, and 11 troopers received  
18 the Medal of Honor for their heroism; the division returned to Korea  
19 in 1957 and helped patrol the demilitarized zone until July 1965,  
20 when it left for Fort Benning, Georgia; and

21           WHEREAS, The division served as an airmobile force in  
22 Vietnam, where it earned the Presidential Unit Citation during the  
23 Pleiku campaign; it later helped liberate cities in the aftermath  
24 of the Tet Offensive, and the division's skytroopers relieved the

1 besieged marines at Khe Sanh; during the Vietnam War, 30 more of the  
2 division's soldiers earned the Medal of Honor; and

3       WHEREAS, Starting in 1971, the 1st Cavalry Division was based  
4 at Fort Hood, and in 1990 and 1991, it took part in Operations  
5 Desert Shield and Desert Storm, pushing some 300 kilometers into  
6 Iraq; in 1998, the division supported peacekeeping efforts in  
7 Bosnia and Herzegovina, and between 2003 and 2011, the unit served  
8 multiple deployments to Iraq, where its duties included helping to  
9 oversee national elections, assuming command of Multinational  
10 Division Bagdad, and training Iraqi security forces; and

11       WHEREAS, During the war in Afghanistan, the division took  
12 control of more than 35,000 international troops over 14 provinces  
13 that were home to approximately 7.5 million Afghans, and it also  
14 assisted in training Afghan security forces; since 2015, the  
15 division has seen service in Korea and seven European countries,  
16 training with allied forces and helping to deter aggression; and

17       WHEREAS, Known as America's First Team, the 1st Cavalry  
18 Division represents some of the finest men and women in our nation's  
19 military, and all those who have served in the unit, past and  
20 present, may indeed take great pride in its storied history; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
23 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the centennial  
24 of the 1st Cavalry Division and extend to the troopers of the  
25 division sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
26 important work; and, be it further

27       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the 1st Cavalry Division as an expression of high  
2 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.