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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army 3rd Cavalry Regiment is marking the
2 175th anniversary of its founding in 2021, providing a fitting
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this historic unit; and

4 WHEREAS, Stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen since 2006, the
5 3rd Cavalry Regiment is the only heavy Armored Cavalry Regiment in
6 the U.S. Army; it traces its beginnings to May 19, 1846, when the
7 U.S. Congress authorized the establishment of a new military unit,
8 the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen; the regiment was soon deployed
9 for the Mexican-American War, and it was during this conflict that
10 it earned its moniker of "Brave Rifles" and its motto of "Blood and
11 Steel"; and

12 WHEREAS, Assigned to Major General Winfield Scott's army, the
13 riflemen saw combat in the Mexico City campaign at the Battle of
14 Cerro Gordo in April 1847; on September 13 of that year, elements of
15 the regiment made up the storming party on the fortress of
16 Chapultepec outside the enemy capital; the next morning, the
17 victorious unit raised the United States flag over the National
18 Palace; and

19 WHEREAS, At the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, the
20 Regiment of Mounted Riflemen was redesignated as the 3rd United
21 States Cavalry Regiment; in December 1862, the unit joined the
22 Civil War Western Theater in Tennessee, and members of the 3rd
23 Cavalry also fought in Mississippi, Alabama, and North Carolina,
24 participating in the Chattanooga Campaign; at the conflict's end,

1 the regiment was sent to New Mexico to help settle the frontier and
2 to lend its support during the Indian Wars; and

3 WHEREAS, During the Spanish-American War in 1898, the 3rd
4 Cavalry played a key role in the attacks on San Juan and Kettle Hill
5 and placed the first American flag at the points of victory; at the
6 outbreak of World War I, the regiment transferred to Europe, and its
7 squadrons operated remount depots; and

8 WHEREAS, The regiment was renamed the 3rd Cavalry Group
9 (Mechanized) during World War II; landing in France in August 1944,
10 it spearheaded the XX Corps; the group subsequently resumed its
11 garrison activities in the U.S. and took on the 3rd Armored Cavalry
12 Regiment title; and

13 WHEREAS, The unit was a major part of American military
14 readiness throughout the Cold War, and in 1990, it was sent overseas
15 as part of the XVIII Airborne Corps; it deployed to the U.S. the
16 next year and in 1996 moved to Fort Carson in Colorado, where it was
17 headquartered until making its home at Fort Hood; and

18 WHEREAS, Among its many important missions, the 3rd Cavalry
19 Regiment has seen extensive action in modern-day conflicts,
20 including the Persian Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom; today,
21 the unit is a highly mobile force that conducts reconnaissance,
22 security, offensive, and defensive operations; and

23 WHEREAS, For 175 years, the 3rd Cavalry Regiment has
24 exemplified the highest ideals of the United States armed forces,
25 and the many brave men and women who have served the unit are indeed
26 worthy of our appreciation; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 175th
2 anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Army 3rd Cavalry Regiment
3 and extend to all of its members sincere best wishes for the future;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the 3rd Cavalry Regiment as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.