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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Homes For Our Troops is conducting a Community
2 Kickoff for U.S. Army Corporal Duane McGhghy on November 18, 2023,
3 in Temple; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2004, HFOT has built more than 360 fully
5 accessible custom homes nationwide for seriously injured veterans;
6 each house features over 40 adaptations that help facilitate
7 independent living, such as wider halls and doorways, automatic
8 door openers, roll-under sinks, stovetops, and counters, and
9 pull-down shelving; the nonprofit also provides veterans with
10 financial planning assistance, homeownership education, and home
11 warranty coverage; and

12 WHEREAS, The Community Kickoff event marks the start of
13 construction on a four-bedroom, two-bath home for Corporal McGhghy;
14 during a deployment to Iraq in 2007, Corporal McGhghy was serving as
15 a member of Delta Company, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade
16 Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, when his vehicle was hit by an
17 explosively formed penetrator; he was severely wounded as a result
18 of the blast, losing his left leg below the knee and sustaining a
19 traumatic brain injury; and

20 WHEREAS, With the help of a prosthesis and a wheelchair,
21 Corporal McGhghy has continued to enjoy an active lifestyle; he
22 dedicates his efforts to giving back to his fellow veterans, and he
23 rides motorcycles with the Road Warrior Foundation and goes
24 skydiving with Jump For Valor, two organizations that support the

1 military community; moreover, he and his wife, Cortney, operate
2 their own business, Hey Darlin Plants; they are the proud parents of
3 three children, Austin, Chloe, and Oliver; and

4 WHEREAS, Homes For Our Troops is helping to equip injured
5 veterans with the resources they need to build productive and
6 fulfilling lives, and Corporal Duane McGhghy's new home is sure to
7 serve him and his family well in the years to come; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
10 Called Session, hereby commemorate the Homes For Our Troops
11 Community Kickoff event for U.S. Army Corporal Duane McGhghy and
12 commend him for his brave and dedicated service to his country; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Corporal McGhghy as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas Senate.