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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army marked the 250th anniversary of the
2 Continental Army on June 14, 2025, in Houston, Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, On June 14, 1775, the delegates to the Second
4 Continental Congress established the Continental Army as a means
5 for the 13 unified American colonies to fight Britain; the soldiers
6 in the six newly created companies of expert riflemen took an oath
7 of enlistment, and on June 15, Congress elected George Washington
8 as commander in chief of the colonies' first official army; its
9 battle cry was "This We'll Defend," a motto that endures today;
10 after the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776,
11 the Continental Army and the militia serving Congress became known
12 as the Army of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The modern army is composed of active-duty troops as
14 well as two reserve components, the Army Reserve and the Army
15 National Guard; the operational army conducts missions around the
16 world through the service of its numbered armies, corps, divisions,
17 brigades, and battalions, and the institutional army provides the
18 infrastructure and support necessary to train, equip, deploy, and
19 ensure the readiness of all army forces; and

20 WHEREAS, For two and a half centuries, the U.S. Army has
21 played a critical role in the development and defense of the nation
22 while safeguarding its values and interests, and this momentous
23 milestone provides a welcome opportunity to acknowledge the immense
24 debt of gratitude we owe to the men and women who have carried out

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1 its vital mission; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 250th
4 anniversary of the U.S. Army; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the U.S. Army's 5th Brigade as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.