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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 9, 2025, marks the second anniversary of the
2 naming of Fort Cavazos in Central Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Situated between Killeen and Copperas Cove, Fort
4 Cavazos was previously known as Fort Hood; it was renamed in tribute
5 to U.S. Army General Richard Edward Cavazos, a sixth-generation
6 Texan who was the first Latino to serve as a four-star U.S. Army
7 general and brigadier general; the third-largest U.S. military
8 base, the installation is home to the III Armored Corps
9 Headquarters and the 1st Cavalry Division, and it trains and
10 deploys Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers in support of
11 global operations; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Cavazos was born in Kingsville on
13 January 31, 1929; following high school, he enrolled in the Army
14 ROTC program at Texas Technological College; he was commissioned
15 into the army upon his graduation in 1951, and he served as a first
16 lieutenant and as the platoon leader of E Company, 2nd Battalion,
17 65th Infantry Regiment in the Korean War; and

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Cavazos went on to serve in the
19 Vietnam War as the commander of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry
20 Regiment; in 1973, he was promoted to brigadier general, and over
21 the next decade, he commanded the 9th Infantry Division and
22 III Corps in Central Texas; from 1980 to 1982, he served as the III
23 Corps commanding general, and in his final assignment, he was head
24 of the U.S. Army Forces Command; he retired in 1984, concluding an

1 exceptional 33-year military career; he received two Distinguished
2 Service Cross awards for his heroism in the Korean and Vietnam Wars,
3 and he was also awarded the Silver Star, two Legion of Merit medals,
4 five Bronze Star Medals, and the Purple Heart; he died on October
5 29, 2017, at the age of 88; and

6 WHEREAS, Fort Cavazos plays an integral role in the defense
7 of our nation, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the life and
8 legacy of its namesake, U.S. Army General Richard Cavazos; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the second anniversary of the
12 designation of Fort Cavazos and extend to all those associated with
13 the U.S. Army post sincere best wishes for continued success with
14 their important mission; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Fort Cavazos as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.