WHEREAS, Fort Hood is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2017, and this is a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the base's significant role in the history of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, In January 1942, only weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Army announced that it was establishing a tank destroyer tactical and firing center near Killeen, and on April 2, 1942, the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion under the command of General Andrew D. Bruce arrived from Fort Meade, Maryland; named after Confederate Army General John Bell Hood, Camp Hood was officially opened on September 18, 1942; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Camp Hood's mission expanded to include basic training; nearly 100,000 soldiers trained for combat there, and in the later years of the war, approximately 4,000 German prisoners were interned at the camp; in 1950, it was renamed Fort Hood, and permanent buildings began to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, Since 1961, Fort Hood has been home to the U.S. Army III Corps, and its current roster includes the 1st Cavalry Division and 1st Army Division West; units from Fort Hood have deployed to every major conflict since World War II, including Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq; it also supports homeland security as the antiterror training ground for Army Reserve and National Guard units; and

WHEREAS, Today, the "Great Place" has grown from its original 108,000 acres to nearly 218,000 acres across the rolling hills of
Central Texas; it serves a population of 400,000, including active duty troops, family members, civilian employees, defense contractors, retirees, and survivors of fallen soldiers, and it generates a statewide economic impact of $35.4 billion every year; it is the largest active duty armored post in the nation's military, home not only to members of the cavalry and the infantry, but to tanker personnel, engineers, mechanics, health care professionals, and workers in other disciplines; and

WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, Fort Hood has played an integral part in the defense of our nation and in the culture and economy of the Lone Star State, and the men and women of Fort Hood may indeed take great pride in their myriad contributions as they celebrate this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Fort Hood and extend to everyone associated with the base sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work.

Shine Cosper Sheffield
I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2017, by a viva-voce vote.

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