

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel A. Bentley Nettles of
2 College Station, who has served his country with distinction in
3 Iraq and Afghanistan, is a source of great pride to this nation, to
4 the great State of Texas, and to the Brazos Valley; and

5 WHEREAS, Commanding a small, elite team of soldiers and
6 civilians from the 1st Information Operations Command, Lieutenant
7 Colonel Nettles and his unit have actively supported combat
8 operations in both theaters, saving countless coalition and
9 American lives and facilitating the elections in both Afghanistan
10 and Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Nettles and his team have
12 successfully completed every mission assigned and safely returned
13 all of his troops to their families; his unwavering courage and
14 dedication have earned him a host of prestigious accolades,
15 including two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and submission for two
16 Combat Action Badges; and

17 WHEREAS, Called to active duty in May 2003, Lieutenant
18 Colonel Nettles worked with the XVIII Airborne Corps Commander
19 Lieutenant General John Vines and with the Special Forces and Navy
20 Seal operators while serving in Afghanistan; after his return, he
21 volunteered to lead a team into Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, This brave soldier was deployed to Iraq on July 4,
23 2004; though he was injured in a rocket attack, Lieutenant Colonel
24 Nettles demonstrated unwavering strength and leadership by

1 returning to his post the same day and encouraging his team to
2 continue the fight; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University and South Texas
4 College of Law, Lieutenant Colonel Nettles is a successful
5 attorney; the consummate citizen soldier, he serves his community
6 in times of peace and answers his country's call in times of war;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Texans owe a profound debt of gratitude to
9 Lieutenant Colonel Nettles, his team, and all of America's military
10 personnel, for they are called on to bear great, often
11 unimaginable, burdens, and they render service and sacrifice that
12 are truly beyond measure; and

13 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
14 this nation, Bentley Nettles embodies the highest ideals of the
15 Texas National Guard and the U.S. Armed Forces, and it is indeed a
16 privilege to join in welcoming him home; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
18 2nd Called Session, hereby commend U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel A.
19 Bentley Nettles for his exemplary commitment to his community, to
20 the State of Texas, and to his nation, and extend to him best wishes
21 for success and happiness in the coming years; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Lieutenant Colonel Nettles as an expression of high
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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David Newhall
President of the Senate

Tom Caddell
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 12 was adopted by the House on July 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 12 was adopted by the Senate on August 4, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Joseph Saw
Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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