

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, General (Ret.) Tommy Franks has been selected to
2 receive the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Buffalo Trail
3 Council of the Boy Scouts of America, an honor that will undoubtedly
4 be cherished by this patriotic American; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma and raised in West Texas, General
6 Franks recently concluded an exemplary 36-year military career when
7 he stepped down as commander-in-chief of United States Central
8 Command, a post he had held since June 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, In his role as commander-in-chief, General Franks
10 oversaw military operations in a 25-country region and led the
11 attack on the Taliban in Afghanistan and the 2003 invasion of Iraq;
12 his military record also includes distinguished service in Vietnam,
13 West Germany, and Korea, as well as assignments at Fort Sills, Fort
14 Hood, and the Pentagon; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed American is the recipient of numerous
16 awards and commendations, including the Defense Distinguished
17 Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), the
18 Legion of Merit (four awards), the Bronze Star Medal with "V" (three
19 awards), the Purple Heart (three awards), and the Army Commendation
20 Medal with "V"; and

21 WHEREAS, Few individuals in the history of the American
22 military are held in such high esteem as General Franks, and his
23 receipt of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Buffalo Trail
24 Council of the Boy Scouts of America is indeed well deserved; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
3 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate General Tommy Franks on his
4 receipt of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Buffalo Trail
5 Council of the Boy Scouts of America and commend him for his
6 outstanding military career and his dedicated service to the
7 citizens of the United States of America; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for General Franks as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 24 was adopted by the House on October 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 24 was adopted by the Senate on October 2, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 28 04 03

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Geoffrey S. Connors
Secretary of State