

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize General Tommy Ray Franks, combatant commander of the
4 United States Central Command, for his outstanding contributions to
5 his country; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Midland, Texas, Tommy Franks earned a
7 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1971
8 and a master's degree from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania
9 in 1985; and

10 WHEREAS, He entered the United States Army at the age of 20,
11 and he rose through the ranks to the position of general; he has
12 served with distinction in numerous assignments, and his service
13 has included such locations as Vietnam, Korea, Europe, and the
14 Iraqi desert during Desert Storm; and

15 WHEREAS, A highly respected military leader, General Franks
16 has earned numerous commendations, including four Legion of Merit
17 medals, three Bronze Stars with V device, an Air Medal with V
18 device, and an Army Commendation Medal with V device; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2000, General Franks assumed the position of
20 combatant commander for the United States Central Command at
21 MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; in this role, he oversees
22 postwar Afghanistan and coordinates military operations in 23 other
23 nations, stretching from the Horn of Africa into Central Asia; and

24 WHEREAS, A patriotic American whose leadership has been

1 invaluable to our country, General Franks has earned the respect of
2 people around the globe for his exemplary military service, his
3 courage, and his tenacity, and he is a treasured citizen and source
4 of great pride to Texans across the state; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby commend General Tommy Ray Franks for his outstanding service
7 on behalf of our country and extend sincere appreciation to him and
8 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
10 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Tom Caldwell

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 38 was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2003.

Patricia Saw

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 38 was adopted by the House on April 10, 2003.

Robert Hamey

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 Apr. '03

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Secretary of State