

House Resolution 32EX

By: Representatives Hanner of the 133rd and Coleman of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Lieutenant Colonel John Heath; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel John Heath is a third generation war veteran, his
3 grandfather, Ralph B. Heath, having served in the First World War and his father, Glenn
4 Heath, having served in the Second World War; and
- 5 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia in 1972, he joined the National
6 Guard in Dawson, Georgia, and he became a commissioned officer in 1976; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he has been a member of various guard units over the years, including Dawson,
8 Bainbridge/Thomasville, Columbus, and Decatur, and he is now battalion commander of the
9 878th Combat Heavy Engineer Battalion in Augusta; and
- 10 WHEREAS, deployed overseas on June 1, 2003, the mission of Lieutenant Colonel Heath
11 and the 878th was to rebuild the military base near the town of Nasseria, Iraq, and rebuild
12 schools and hospitals; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the unit is currently positioned at Taji, which is now equipped to handle 10,500
14 troops; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in civilian life he is associated with Financial Advisors, Inc. in Albany and is
16 a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Dawson, and he and his wife, Kay
17 Strickland Heath, have been married almost 31 years and they have a daughter and
18 son-in-law, Leann and Matt Miller; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this man be recognized for his dedication to
20 duty and the sacrifices he has made for his country.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel John Heath for his
3 service to his country.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel John
6 Heath.