

# *Citation of Congratulations*

## **CPT Ellis D. Edwards**

*Whereas*, patriotism, courage and compassion have characterized CPT Ellis D. Edwards throughout his service in the US Army, including Advisor to the Vietnamese forces in Hau Nghia Province and service in Operational Detachment 212, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Reserve (Airborne) in Oklahoma City, and

*Whereas*, CPT Ellis D. Edwards was promoted to First Lieutenant while in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star medal and Combat Infantry badge, and

*Whereas*, CPT Ellis D. Edwards promised his South Vietnamese allies that he would return to Vietnam to rescue them if Communist takeover became imminent and he kept that promise by showing great perseverance and courage in a daring rescue of 64 American allies from Hau Nghia Province and Saigon at grave danger to himself, and

*Whereas*, CPT Ellis D. Edwards raised funds from private sources to build a much needed grade school in Vietnam and continued that generosity and compassion once home in the US by he and his wife sponsoring more than two hundred refugees, opening their home to refugees, serving as foster parents to a Vietnamese child and caring for multiple Vietnamese students, and

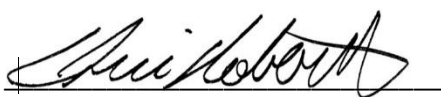
*Whereas*, CPT Ellis D. Edwards is very deserving of being honored with induction to the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame; and

The House of Representatives and the Senate of the great State of Oklahoma extends to

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Sincere congratulations on his induction to the **Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame**

And directs that this citation be presented.



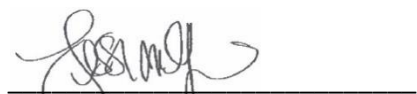
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