

Whereas, the United States Army began its Rest and Recuperation (R&R) program at DFW International Airport on November 2, 2003, in order to serve the brave men and women who protect our country and our freedom; and,

Whereas, DFW International Airport is one of only two airports in the nation that serve as transition ports for deploying military units; and,

Whereas, DFW International Airport initiated the “Welcome Home a Hero” volunteer program in the spring of 2004; and,

Whereas, the Welcome Home a Hero program has grown into one of the largest and most successful community service programs to the military in the nation, serving and recognizing well over one half million military members; and,

Whereas, DFW International Airport and thousands of volunteers from businesses, churches, chambers of commerce, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Veterans of Foreign Wars volunteer their time to welcome home returning military members on a daily basis; and,

Whereas, the 5th anniversary of the Welcome Home a Hero program will be celebrated on June 16th, 2009, NOW THEREFORE,

We, the Collin County Commissioners Court, do proclaim June 16th, 2009, as

“WELCOME HOME A HERO” DAY