



# NHCSL

THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS

## RESOLUTION No. 2025-09

### Restore Fort Cavazos

Reported to the Caucus by the NHCSL  
Veterans and Military Affairs Task Force  
Sen. Nilda Cruz Perez (NJ), Chair

**Sponsored by**

**Sen. Nilda Cruz Perez (NJ), Del. Aijalon Cordoza (VA), Rep. Terry Meza (TX) and  
Rep. Annie Menz (OK)**

Unanimously ratified by the Caucus on November 22, 2025

1   **WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2022, the Commission on the Naming of Items of the  
2   Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any  
3   Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America  
4   recommended that the Fort in Texas then named after Confederate General John Bell  
5   Hood be renamed after General Richard E. Cavazos;<sup>1</sup> and,

6   **WHEREAS**, in [Resolution 2022-08](#), this Caucus joined the U.S. Army, the Department  
7   of Defense, and then President Biden in honoring the service of General Cavazos, the  
8   first Hispanic-American to achieve the rank of four-star General, through the  
9   renaming of that base, the largest active-duty armored post in the U.S. Armed Forces,  
10   the Army's premier installation to train and deploy heavy forces; and,

11   **WHEREAS**, on January 3 of this year, then President Biden upgraded Cavazos's first  
12   Distinguished Service Cross to the Medal of Honor; and,

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<sup>1</sup> [Naming Commission Recommendation of Fort Cavazos](#)

13   **WHEREAS**, General Cavazos is widely regarded as a “Texas legend”<sup>2</sup> and a “true  
14   hero;”<sup>3</sup> and,

15   **WHEREAS**, despite being fully deserving of the recognition of the naming of Fort  
16   Cavazos, the Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, stripped General Cavazos of the  
17   honor in June, less than two years after the renaming;<sup>4</sup> and,

18   **WHEREAS**, Hegseth renamed Fort Cavazos back to Fort Hood, but this time after a  
19   different Hood, to evoke the original Confederate-inspired name while ostensibly  
20   complying with the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act which created the  
21   Naming Commission over President Trump’s first-term veto. The Houston Chronicle  
22   Editorial Board called the new namesake “bait-and-switch Hood;”<sup>5</sup> and,

23   **WHEREAS**, Fort Cavazos’ renaming as Fort Hood is not the only case. At the behest of  
24   President Trump, Hegseth renamed eight more bases, including Fort Liberty as Fort  
25   Bragg, after a different non-Confederate Bragg. And he renamed Fort Moore as Fort  
26   Benning, after a non-Confederate Benning. And Fort Gregg-Adams is back to being  
27   Fort Lee, but for Pvt. Fitz Lee instead of for the traitor Robert E. Lee;<sup>6</sup> and,

28   **WHEREAS**, the renamings to evoke the old Confederate names come as part of  
29   Hegseth’s efforts to end Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies, including ordering  
30   commands to “erase DEI references from websites, cancel DEI trainings and contracts,  
31   and cease government-supported observances of Black History Month, Women’s  
32   History Month, National Hispanic Heritage Day and other cultural awareness events;”  
33   disbanding “a dozen cadet affinity groups, including the Society of Black Engineers,  
34   the Latin Cultural Club, a social club for LGBTQ cadets and local chapters of the Society  
35   for Hispanic Professional Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers” at West  
36   Point; and taking down countless webpages that celebrated the contributions of  
37   women servicemembers and servicemembers of color, among other affronts.<sup>7</sup>

38   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Hispanic Caucus of State  
39   Legislators condemns the base renamings and other anti-diversity measures by  
40   Secretary Hegseth as a cynical affront to truth, to the intent of the legal prohibition on  
41   Confederate names, and to the pluralistic nature of our democracy; and calls on

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<sup>2</sup> Sig Christenson, [Biden awards Medal of Honor to Gen. Richard Cavazos, Texas legend](#) (San Antonio Express News, Jan 4 2025)

<sup>3</sup> Sig Christenson, [Richard Cavazos, a son of King Ranch, to receive Medal of Honor](#) (San Antonio Express News, Jan 2 2025)

<sup>4</sup> Leo Shane III, [Hegseth says Army base renamings will move ahead, despite concerns](#) (Military Times, Jun 18, 2025).

<sup>5</sup> Houston Chronicle Editorial Board, [For Pete Hegseth, a Bragg is a Bragg is a brag](#) (The Houston Chronicle, Feb 16, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> The Associated Press, [Fort Cavazos in Texas renamed Fort Hood once again](#) (The Dallas News, Jun 11, 2025)

<sup>7</sup> Sig Christenson, [Hegseth can't just slap Confederate names back on military bases](#) (San Antonio Express News, Feb 17 2025)

42 Congress to revert the policies, restoring the names recommended by the Naming  
43 Commission, including Fort Cavazos in Texas.

44 IN ITS MEETING OF JULY 28, 2025, THE NHCSL VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
45 TASK FORCE UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THIS RESOLUTION TO THE  
46 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

47 THE NHCSL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THIS RESOLUTION  
48 ON AUGUST 5, 2025, AT ITS MEETING IN BOSTON, MA.

49 THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS UNANIMOUSLY  
50 RATIFIED THIS RESOLUTION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2025 IN  
51 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

