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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Manuel Lopez on
3 August 3, 2022, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Rufino and Elvira Lopez, Manuel Lopez was
5 born in San Diego, Texas, on January 1, 1938, and he was a member of
6 the Class of 1956 at the Texas Military Institute; after attending
7 Texas A&M University, he earned a political science degree from
8 Park University; he also graduated from the Command and General
9 Staff College and was a faculty member there; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Lopez enlisted in the U.S. Army, first
11 serving as a sergeant with the 69th Armor Regiment in Germany before
12 commanding a missile battery at Fort Carson; next, he commanded the
13 Headquarters Battery of the 2nd Target Acquisition Battalion in
14 Korea and served with the 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII
15 Airborne Corps Operations Staff at Fort Bragg; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez deployed to Vietnam in 1966 as an
17 airborne division battalion commander; subsequently, he rejoined
18 the XVIII Airborne Corps and was named airborne advisor for the
19 Argentine Army; in the 1970s, he went back to Korea as a fire
20 support coordinator, and in Texas, he became executive officer for
21 the 2nd Armored Division Artillery; he was later named chief of
22 staff of the Division Forward in Germany and then chief of the
23 Military Assistance Group in Argentina; his final active duty
24 assignment was with the Arkansas National Guard; he concluded his

1 distinguished 30-year career at the rank of colonel; his awards
2 included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious
3 Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Air Medal;
4 after retiring from the military, he worked as a corporate
5 marketing manager for the Hallmark Electronics Firm; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez shared a rewarding marriage with his wife,
7 the late Maria Rosario Lopez, and he took great pride in his 5
8 children, Camilla, Corina, Alma, Manuel, and Ana, as well as his 16
9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Manuel Lopez earned the lasting respect and
11 admiration of all who were privileged to know him, and he leaves
12 behind a legacy that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army Colonel
16 (Ret.) Manuel Lopez and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives
17 and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Manuel
21 Lopez.