

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Texas Wing have
2 rendered exceptional service to the citizens of this state; and

3 WHEREAS, CAP was founded on December 1, 1941, as a volunteer
4 organization to assist the United States military; assigned to the
5 War Department in 1943, it was designated by Congress as an official
6 auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force five years later and tasked with
7 providing emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, CAP has conducted
10 aerial and ground search, rescue, and disaster operations for
11 federal and state governments as well as local communities; the
12 agency has contributed thousands of flight hours in search of
13 missing persons, and it has conducted relief missions for regions
14 impacted by natural disasters and oil spills; in addition, CAP
15 played a vital role in the national response to the COVID-19
16 pandemic by distributing blood, test kits, vaccines, food, and
17 other supplies; since September 11, 2001, it has completed a number
18 of noncombatant homeland security and defense missions to ensure
19 the safety of U.S. citizens and provide the air force and other key
20 agencies with critical support and training; in 2015, CAP
21 officially joined the Total Force of the U.S. Air Force; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Wing of CAP contributes to the safety and
23 welfare of all Texans by assisting state agencies, the Coast Guard,
24 National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red

1 Cross, and local first responders; today, the Texas Wing consists
2 of nearly 1,800 senior members and over 2,200 cadet members; it also
3 operates some 36 aircraft, 45 vehicles, and over 600 radio
4 stations; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Wing cadet program provides educational
6 opportunities for youth, including character and leadership
7 development initiatives, camping activities, emergency services
8 training, and service and cyber defense competitions; moreover,
9 CAP's volunteer pilots fly some 1,900 sorties each year,
10 introducing numerous young Texans to aviation; the Texas Wing also
11 supports teachers, students, and schools across the state through
12 aerospace education programs, teacher orientation flights, and
13 STEM kit initiatives; and

14 WHEREAS, The dedicated volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol and
15 the Texas Wing have worked tirelessly to aid and protect Texas
16 residents in times of disaster, and they are to be commended for
17 their many contributions; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize the Civil Air Patrol and the Texas
20 Wing for their service to the citizens of this state and extend to
21 all those affiliated with the organizations sincere best wishes for
22 the future.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2279 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House