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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, retired Command Sergeant
2 Major Dr. Evelyn Hollis served her country with great distinction
3 as a member of the U.S. Army, and the observance of Women Veterans
4 Day 2023 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to her
5 outstanding military career; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Hollis joined the U.S. Army in 1979 as an
7 administrative assistant, and she went on to become the first
8 African American woman in army history to serve as a command
9 sergeant major for a combat arms unit; her overseas assignments
10 included tours in Germany and operational deployments to Southwest
11 Asia and Iraq; she has worked as a military analyst for the Air
12 Defense Artillery School and as a senior technical trainer for the
13 Command Post of the Future; currently, she teaches at Park
14 University and serves as an honorary sergeant major with the 1st Air
15 Defense Artillery Regiment; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed veteran has received numerous honors,
17 including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and various
18 foreign and service awards, and she was inducted into the U.S. Army
19 Women's Foundation Hall of Fame; she holds a master's degree in
20 human resource development and management as well as a doctorate in
21 management; and

22 WHEREAS, During her years in uniform, Evelyn Hollis upheld
23 the highest ideals of our nation's armed forces, demonstrating
24 exemplary bravery, dedication, and integrity, and her fellow

1 citizens owe her a lasting debt of gratitude; now, therefore, be it
2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
3 hereby commend Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Dr. Evelyn Hollis for
4 her military service on the occasion of Women Veterans Day 2023 and
5 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Dr. Evelyn Hollis as an
8 expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.