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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Marta E. Artiga served her country with great distinction as a member of the U.S. Army, and the observance of Women Veterans Day 2023 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to her outstanding military career; and

WHEREAS, A native of El Salvador, Marta Artiga joined the U.S. Army in 1989 and graduated from basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey; she completed her initial enlistment in 1992, the same year that she became a U.S. citizen, and she went on to join the Reserve and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1999; she embarked on her military nursing career at William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss, and through the years, she held such titles as clinical nurse, chief of ambulatory nursing, and chief of the education support branch; she retired from active duty in 2021, having served in the Persian Gulf War, as an officer in Iraq, and in a variety of other posts around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Artiga holds a medical sciences degree from the Federal University of Alagoas in Brazil, a nursing degree from California State University, Los Angeles, and a medical-surgery nursing certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center; her military education includes her graduation from Command and General Staff College; she was

recognized with numerous commendations, including four Army Achievement Medals, seven Army Commendation Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal; today, she continues to benefit others as a Red Cross volunteer for Soldier and Family Readiness Groups; and

WHEREAS, During her years in uniform, Marta Artiga upheld the highest ideals of our nation's armed forces, demonstrating exemplary bravery, dedication, and integrity, and her fellow citizens owe her a lasting debt of gratitude; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby commend U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Marta E. Artiga for her military service on the occasion of Women Veterans Day 2023 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Lieutenant Colonel Artiga as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.