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H.R. No. 30

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ricardo S. Sanchez, a native of Rio Grande City, has  
2 been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general  
3 with assignment as commanding general, V Corps, of the U.S. Army;  
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5           WHEREAS, In his new post, Major General Sanchez will oversee  
6 all coalition forces in Iraq, including approximately half the  
7 ground combat strength of the active-duty U.S. military; he  
8 presently commands the First Armored Division, one of the army's  
9 most experienced peacekeeping units, which recently took over  
10 control of Baghdad from the Third Infantry Division; and

11           WHEREAS, This accomplished officer previously served as  
12 deputy chief of staff, Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe,  
13 and before that as assistant division commander of Support with the  
14 First Infantry Division; during the latter assignment he commanded  
15 U.S. forces stationed in the American sector of Kosovo from  
16 December 1999 to June 2000; in the 1991 Gulf War, he had charge of a  
17 battalion attached to the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division; and

18           WHEREAS, Major General Sanchez earned a bachelor's degree  
19 from Texas A&I University, and he received his commission as a  
20 second lieutenant of armor in the Regular Army in 1973; he has  
21 attended the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War  
22 College and holds a master's degree in operations research and  
23 systems analysis engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School;  
24 among the awards conferred on him have been the Legion of Merit, the

1 Bronze Star with "V" device and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious  
2 Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Joint Service  
3 Commendation Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout a career distinguished by exemplary  
5 leadership, seasoned judgment, and consummate professionalism,  
6 Major General Sanchez has set the highest standards of excellence  
7 in the performance of his duties and earned the respect and  
8 appreciation of colleagues and countless friends; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Major General  
12 Ricardo S. Sanchez for his exceptional record of service as an  
13 officer in the United States Army and extend to him profound  
14 gratitude for his deep devotion to duty and to this country; and, be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Major General Sanchez as an expression of high regard  
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.