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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Charles David "Chuck" Grojean, USN  
2 (Ret.), one of our state's most accomplished and respected  
3 veterans, celebrated his 80th birthday on August 13, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, A student at the Virginia Military Institute at the  
5 dawn of World War II, Admiral Grojean decided at an early age to  
6 devote his life to the service and defense of his nation; on  
7 graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1945, he was  
8 immediately commissioned to serve aboard destroyer-class vessels  
9 and, four years later, was chosen to join the U.S. Navy submarine  
10 forces; and

11           WHEREAS, His ascension within the ranks continued as he  
12 served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and entered the  
13 nuclear power training program in 1958, at the very height of the  
14 Cold War; having successfully commanded a diesel-powered  
15 submarine, a nuclear attack submarine, and later a Polaris  
16 submarine, he was entrusted with the command of all U.S. and NATO  
17 submarines within the Mediterranean Sea; and

18           WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Grojean, when not at sea, served with  
19 distinction at the U.S. Naval Academy and in the offices of the  
20 joint chiefs of staff and the secretary of defense; his skills as a  
21 strategist and naval commander, at both the national and  
22 international levels, later led to a three-year appointment as the  
23 U.S. Navy's director of political military policy; and

24           WHEREAS, This highly decorated officer, who has been honored

1 with the Meritorious Service Medal and countless campaign medals,  
2 is the recipient of Legion of Merit awards from the United States,  
3 Brazil, and Venezuela; although he is officially retired, he  
4 remains active as the executive director of the Admiral Nimitz  
5 Foundation, which is now paying tribute to his extraordinary  
6 achievements by establishing in his honor the RADM Charles David  
7 Grojean, USN (Ret.) Endowment Fund; now, therefore, be it

8         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Rear Admiral  
10 Charles David "Chuck" Grojean on the occasion of his 80th birthday  
11 and extend to him best wishes for many more continued years of  
12 success and happiness; and, be it further

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Admiral Grojean as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.