

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For an impressive 37 years, Colonel Charles W.  
2 Edwards, Jr., has served both his state and his nation with pride  
3 and distinction; and

4           WHEREAS, A graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Colonel  
5 Edwards holds a master's degree from Christian Theological Seminary  
6 and a doctorate from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; this  
7 accomplished man has also received specialized training from an  
8 array of military schools; and

9           WHEREAS, Colonel Edwards began an illustrious military  
10 career in 1966 and saw duty as an infantryman in Korea before  
11 enlisting in the United States Army Reserve and serving in the  
12 Chaplain Corps; he soon reentered active duty, and in 1979 he began  
13 his tenure with the Texas Army National Guard, where he has  
14 continued to excel in his role as chaplain, garnering promotions  
15 and accolades; his intelligence, devotion to duty, and compassion  
16 have earned him numerous prestigious positions, including that of  
17 joint forces headquarters chaplain, a position in which he  
18 supervises more than 100 chaplains and chaplain assistants  
19 throughout Texas; and

20           WHEREAS, In recognition of his meritorious service, Colonel  
21 Edwards has been honored with a number of awards; he has received  
22 the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good  
23 Conduct Medal, the Lone Star Distinguished Service Award, and  
24 numerous other recognitions, each a testament to his stellar

1 character and commitment; and

2 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Colonel Edwards has also led six  
3 Churches of Christ, in three different states, and worked for 11  
4 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs, both as a chaplain  
5 and as Chief, Chaplain Service; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Edwards exemplifies the traits of courage,  
7 honor, and integrity that are the highest ideals of our nation's  
8 armed forces, and he has justly earned the respect and admiration of  
9 his colleagues and the gratitude of his fellow Americans; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Colonel Charles W.  
13 Edwards, Jr., for his remarkable record of service to Texas and the  
14 United States and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
15 success and happiness; and, be it further

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

McClendon

H.R. No. 282

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 282 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House