

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant David M. Silva is retiring from the U.S.  
2 Army after a long and distinguished career that began almost 34  
3 years ago; and

4           WHEREAS, On May 19, 1969, in the midst of the Vietnam War,  
5 this proud American joined the Texas Army National Guard at the age  
6 of 19 and trained as a supply specialist at Fort Polk, Louisiana;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Sergeant Silva became an active duty full-time  
9 noncommissioned officer (NCO) in the U.S. Army in June 1984; he  
10 attended NCO school at Fort Eustis and Fort Lee in Virginia, and for  
11 nearly 20 years he was assigned as the force readiness NCO in charge  
12 for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st  
13 Infantry; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1990-1991, Sergeant Silva was mobilized as part  
15 of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; in addition to his regular  
16 duties as support platoon sergeant, he also served as acting 1st  
17 sergeant and platoon leader; and

18           WHEREAS, During his years of service in the army, Sergeant  
19 Silva received numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service  
20 Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and  
21 the Desert Shield/Desert Storm Medal; and

22           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Sergeant Silva enjoys a strong  
23 and loving union with his wife, Virginia Bourbois Silva; together  
24 they have been blessed with five children, David, Manuel, Marla,

1 Michael, and Derek, and two granddaughters, Aliyah and Emily Ann;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Silva is an inspiration to all who know  
4 him, and his retirement from the military provides an excellent  
5 opportunity to honor him for his exemplary service in the U.S. Armed  
6 Forces; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Sergeant David M. Silva for his  
9 distinguished service to his country and congratulate him on his  
10 retirement from the U.S. Army; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Sergeant Silva as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 683

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 683 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House