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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.