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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 70th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and Sergeant Major Benito V. Guerrero, U.S.  
3 Army (Ret.), of San Antonio marked this special occasion on April 3,  
4 2005; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Comal County, Sergeant Major Guerrero  
6 attended Jefferson High School, where he was active in the Junior  
7 ROTC program and subsequently joined the United States Army in  
8 1956; he received airborne training at Fort Bragg and was assigned  
9 as a senior rifleman to Company A, 505th Airborne Infantry  
10 Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division; and

11           WHEREAS, After serving in Germany as part of the "Black  
12 Panther" battle group and attending the 7th U.S. Army  
13 Noncommissioned Officer Academy and the Federal Republic of Germany  
14 Airborne School, this noteworthy Texan was deployed to numerous  
15 locations around the world, including the Dominican Republic, the  
16 Panama Canal Zone, and Vietnam; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1980, Sergeant Major Guerrero was assigned to  
18 serve as chief instructor at The University of Texas at Austin, and  
19 he founded the ROTC program at Southwest Texas State University; a  
20 brave and dedicated patriot, he has been justly recognized with  
21 countless honors during his 30-year military career, including the  
22 Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with V Device and three Oak Leaf  
23 Clusters, the Purple Heart with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and the  
24 Meritorious Service Medal; and

1           WHEREAS, Supported by his loving wife of 44 years, Ingrid,  
2 and his two sons, Benito Guerrero remains an active member of the  
3 military community of San Antonio, and has served as commander of  
4 the Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association for the past 10 years;  
5 as president of Veterans Against Drugs and Violence since 2002, he  
6 speaks to local students about the merits of staying in school and  
7 cultivating the six character traits of patriotism, honesty,  
8 respect, loyalty, integrity, and courage; and

9           WHEREAS, American citizens owe an immeasurable debt to  
10 military personnel like Sergeant Major Benito Guerrero, whose  
11 efforts have secured this nation's treasured liberties, and it is a  
12 privilege to honor him in his 70th year; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Sergeant Major  
15 Benito V. Guerrero, U.S. Army (Ret.), for three decades of  
16 honorable service to our country and extend to him sincere best  
17 wishes for continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Sergeant Major Guerrero as an expression of high  
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.