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H.C.R. No. 27

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer James A. Spiller of Austin
2 retired from the United States Navy Reserve on March 4, 2006, after
3 22 years of service to his country; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan joined the Navy Reserve in 1965
5 as a young man, not yet 20 years of age; eager to work with planes,
6 he left the navy for the air force later that year and soon
7 transferred from reserve to active duty; by the time of his
8 honorable discharge four years later, he had toured Thailand,
9 served temporary duty in Vietnam, and risen to the rank of staff
10 sergeant; and

11 WHEREAS, Years later, SKC Spiller's interest in military
12 service was renewed when he discovered that a coworker was
13 traveling to Hawaii as a member of the Navy Reserve; joining the
14 reserves in 1988 at age 41, he followed in the footsteps of his
15 father, George Spiller, who, in his early 40s, also returned to the
16 armed forces as a navy reservist; and

17 WHEREAS, At the time he rejoined the reserves, James Spiller
18 could not have imagined his commitment would span 18 years and take
19 him to such faraway places as Germany, Guam, and Bahrain, or that he
20 would be called on to participate in both the Gulf War and the
21 Global War on Terrorism; recognized numerous times for his bravery
22 and skill, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy
23 Achievement Medal, and more; his promotion to chief petty officer
24 was especially memorable as his father, also a naval chief, was

1 there to pin on his new insignia; and

2 WHEREAS, Supporting and augmenting active-duty troops,
3 reservists are an integral and vital part of the U.S. Navy, and SKC
4 James Spiller's generous contributions to his country are most
5 deserving of his fellow citizens' deepest respect and gratitude;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
8 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Chief Petty Officer James
9 A. Spiller on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Navy
10 Reserve and extend to him sincere best wishes for all the happiness
11 he so richly deserves for his service; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for SKC Spiller as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.