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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, Prairie View A&M
2 University, a leading national historically black university, has
3 encouraged the young men and women of Texas to pursue military
4 careers by offering outstanding ROTC programs that provide the
5 structure, discipline, and training essential to the development of
6 future military leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, Boasting the first Naval ROTC program established at
8 a historically black university in 1968, the institution has
9 produced approximately 300 commissioned officers for the United
10 States Navy and Marines; and

11 WHEREAS, From its first graduating class of 13 commissioned
12 officers, 10 went on to become captains in the U.S. Navy; among
13 these distinguished alumni are Rear Admiral O. V. Combs Jr.,
14 designer of the first nuclear powered attack submarine for the U.S.
15 Navy, and Rear Vice Admiral David Brewer, the highest ranking
16 African American in the U.S. Navy; and

17 WHEREAS, The Army ROTC program has graduated more than 1,000
18 officers and enlisted service people, many of whom have served with
19 distinction in World War II, The Korean conflict, the Vietnam war,
20 Desert storm, Afghanistan, and Iraq; notable former students
21 include, Lieutenant Generals Marvin Brailsford, Julius C. Becton
22 and Billy Solomon, Major General Julius Parker, Brigadier Generals
23 Johnny Forte, Calvin Waller and George Wooley; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the ROTC

1 programs at Prairie View A&M University, which have shaped the
2 lives of dedicated, talented, and valorous men and women, both
3 living and dead, for service in defense of this great nation; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of State of Texas, 79th
6 Legislature, hereby honor Prairie View A&M University for its
7 contributions to the national defense of our country through its
8 Army and Naval ROTC programs; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the institution as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas Senate.