

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 987

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Charles G. Rodriguez of San Antonio has been appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as Texas adjutant general; and

WHEREAS, The first Hispanic to hold that office, General Rodriguez assumes his new post in June of 2005; in that capacity, he will lead more than 18,000 members of the Texas Army and Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, and the Adjutant General's Department; and

WHEREAS, Presently, General Rodriguez serves as assistant adjutant general for homeland defense in the Texas Joint Forces Headquarters, a position he has held since November of 2004; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1975 and began his military career in the Signal Corps; during his eight years of active duty, he served with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in Kentucky and with the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach, Germany; he subsequently spent 11 years in the United States Army Reserve, during which time his assignments included tours with the National Security Agency, the U.S.A. Command, and West Point; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Texas National Guard in 1995, General Rodriguez has commanded the 136th Signal Battalion and the 136th Regiment; in 2002, he was made deputy commander of the 71st Troop Command; and

WHEREAS, Along with a bachelor of science degree, General Rodriguez has earned a master's degree in communications research from Wheaton College Graduate School, a master of business administration degree from Keller Graduate School of Management, and a doctorate in philanthropic leadership from The Union Institute and University; and

WHEREAS, Charles Rodriguez currently serves as assistant vice president for university relations and as deputy director of the Center for Public Health Preparedness and Biomedical Research at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; he and his wife, Cappy, are the parents of a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Johnny Marie; and

WHEREAS, In these challenging times, the State of Texas is indeed fortunate to have an officer of such outstanding ability to oversee the training of its military forces, and it is a privilege to recognize General Rodriguez as he prepares to take the helm of the Adjutant General's Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Brigadier General Charles G. Rodriguez on his appointment as adjutant general of Texas; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for General Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate