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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In January 2007, Major Vic Maceo retired from the
2 Galveston Beach Patrol, drawing to a close an outstanding tenure
3 that has spanned four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Starting out as a lifeguard while still a teenager
5 in 1967, Vic Maceo would go on to help change the future of
6 Galveston beaches during his accomplished career; to that end, he
7 worked with the park board and state officials to create the area's
8 first hotel-motel tax, an initiative that has since generated
9 funding for the lifesaving Galveston Beach Patrol; the agency has
10 become one of the most sophisticated of its kind in the nation,
11 employing more than 100 lifeguards each summer, operating a popular
12 junior lifeguard program that attracts participants from numerous
13 other countries, and creating lifeguard teams that consistently win
14 international championships; and

15 WHEREAS, Major Maceo has personally saved more than 400 lives
16 through the years, and his efforts have contributed to the survival
17 of countless others; as Texas demographics changed, he led the
18 Beach Patrol to install Spanish language safety signs as well as a
19 color-coded flag system to inform beachgoers of dangerous
20 conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, Hoping to extend his reach and help even more
22 Texans, he has founded a private consulting firm, specializing in
23 beach safety; moreover, he has visited dozens of Houston-area
24 schools to promote beach safety and partnered with HISD to develop a

1 video on the subject; and

2 WHEREAS, With his retirement, Vic Maceo leaves behind a
3 record of service characterized by courage, vigilance, and
4 integrity, as well as a host of friends and colleagues who wish him
5 continued success and happiness; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Major Vic Maceo on his remarkable
8 40-year career with the Galveston Beach Patrol and extend to him
9 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable retirement; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Major Maceo as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.