

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Jose Martinez
2 of Del Rio has dedicated his life to the service of his country and
3 his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Acapulco, Jose Martinez came to the United
5 States at the age of 12 and attended school in Connecticut; after
6 graduating from Woodstock Academy, he joined the United States Air
7 Force; and

8 WHEREAS, During his distinguished 26-year career in the Air
9 Force, Master Sergeant Martinez received numerous decorations,
10 including the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Force Commendation
11 Medals, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with five devices,
12 and the Vietnam Service Medal with one device, among others; he was
13 also recognized as the Southern Communication Area Airman of the
14 Year and the Southern Command Area Outstanding Air Force Executive
15 Support Superintendent of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Martinez was also active in civic
17 affairs on base, volunteering for the Joseph P. Kennedy Olympic
18 Marathon and serving as a translator for the church; he likewise
19 served on the Base Advisory, Chaplain Fund, Social Action, and Base
20 Support Councils; and

21 WHEREAS, Even as he was serving his country with such
22 distinction, Master Sergeant Martinez contributed greatly to his
23 community; stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio since
24 1973, he was a member of the San Felipe Lions Club and the Border

1 Federal Credit Union Credit Committee; in addition, he was active
2 in the Brown Plaza Association, promoting Mexican culture, HAND,
3 which assisted senior citizens with home repair, and he was a
4 co-founder of the women's softball team and the youth soccer team;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In the years since his retirement from the Air Force
7 in 1981, Master Sergeant Martinez has been a leader in
8 organizations that support veterans and the military; a member of
9 the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Non-Commissioned
10 Officers Association, he has also acted as a judge advocate for the
11 Veterans of Foreign Wars and as a vice-commander in the American
12 Legion; and

13 WHEREAS, In his role as first vice-commander of the American
14 GI Forum, Master Sergeant Martinez has been instrumental in efforts
15 to maintain that organization's Wall of Honor, where pictures of
16 deceased veterans from Del Rio and Val Verde County are displayed;
17 moreover, he has contributed greatly to the efforts of Operation
18 Troop Family Support, which welcomes home all military personnel
19 returning from war zones, and he has served as chair of the Veterans
20 Day Parade and co-chair of the Del Rio Fourth of July parade; his
21 dedication to the community of Del Rio was recognized in 2000 with
22 an Appreciation Award presented by the mayor; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Jose Martinez has enjoyed the
24 support of his loving wife, his five children, and seven
25 grandchildren; his family tradition of service to the country
26 continued with the enlistment of three of his sons in the Air Force;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Martinez has lived an exemplary life
2 dedicated to the safety and welfare of his country and to the
3 betterment of his community, and it is indeed fitting to recognize
4 his many contributions; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend retired Master Sergeant Jose Martinez of
7 the United States Air Force for his long and honorable service to
8 his nation and his community and extend to him best wishes for
9 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

Gallego

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Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
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Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
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Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
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Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
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Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
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H.R. No. 1770

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1770 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House