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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William M. Pina is retiring from
2 the Texas Army National Guard in June 2007, bringing to a close a
3 distinguished military career that has spanned four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, This dedicated officer joined the U.S. Navy in May
5 1967 and served a tour in Vietnam, where he was wounded in action;
6 he went on to join the U.S. Navy Reserve before beginning his tenure
7 with the Texas Army National Guard on April 18, 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, Commissioned from the State OCS program in 1979,
9 Lieutenant Colonel Pina has served in a number of positions with the
10 49th Armor Division through the years, including company executive
11 officer, C-E staff officer, battalion motor officer, company
12 commander, assistant S-3, HHC company commander of the 1st and 36th
13 Brigades, and platoon leader of Task Force Texas Exercise AHAUS
14 TARA III in Honduras; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Pina subsequently served as the
16 mobilization exercise officer in the Plans, Operations, and
17 Training Section of the State Area Command and the GI of the 71st
18 Troop Command, later bringing his expertise to the positions of
19 deputy commander for training and doctrine, 136th RTI (FWD)
20 Training Assistance Group III, Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix
21 in Afghanistan in 2004 and 2005; currently, he serves as the chief
22 of the Storage and Distribution Branch, J-8 Joint Force
23 Headquarters; and

24 WHEREAS, A highly decorated officer, Lieutenant Colonel Pina

1 has earned a number of prestigious military awards, including the
2 Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal,
3 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" Device, and National
4 Defense Medal, to name but a few; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his accomplished military career,
6 William M. Pina has proven himself a leader of incomparable skill
7 and impeccable judgment, and his inspired performance as a member
8 of the Texas Army National Guard is worthy of the highest praise;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lieutenant Colonel William M. Pina
12 on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Army National Guard
13 and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Lieutenant Colonel Pina as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.