## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Farias of San Antonio developed a deep appreciation for the values of loyalty, integrity, and service during his tenure in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of McCollum High School and St. Philip's College, Representative Farias volunteered for the army in 1968; he served for 12 months at Pleiku in Vietnam, where he was a member of a light engineering company attached to the Fourth Infantry Division, and he subsequently spent 18 months in West Berlin, attached to Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Sixth Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, While stationed in Germany, Representative Farias attended and graduated from the Seventh Army NCO Academy; promoted to sergeant at the conclusion of his noncommissioned officer training, he attained the rank of staff sergeant before being discharged at the end of his three-year enlistment; and

WHEREAS, Following his return to San Antonio, Representative Farias joined City Public Service, the local public utility, where he worked his way up from novice machinist to supervisor of the CPS technical training division; after 32 years with CPS, he retired from the utility in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Actively involved in his community for more than three and a half decades, Joe Farias has given generously of his time and efforts through such volunteer activities as coaching Little League and hosting barbecue dinner fund-raisers for the

- 1 needy; he has also served on the San Antonio Zoning Commission and
- 2 on the boards of St. Leo the Great Catholic School and the
- 3 Harlandale Independent School District; and
- WHEREAS, Elected to his first term in the Texas Legislature
- 5 in November 2006, Joe Farias represents House District 118, the
- 6 district in which he has lived his entire life; he currently serves
- 7 on the elections and the juvenile justice and family issues
- 8 committees; and
- 9 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan and his wife, Angie, are the
- 10 proud parents of four sons, Gabe, Joey, Jaime, and Daniel; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The exemplary service that Representative Farias
- 12 rendered as a member of the United States Army constituted the
- 13 auspicious first chapter of a lifetime of constructive endeavor in
- 14 the public realm, and the citizens of Texas are indeed fortunate to
- 15 have the benefit of this legislator's skillful leadership and
- 16 tenacious commitment to the common good; now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 18 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Joe Farias for his
- 19 outstanding military service and extend to him sincere appreciation
- 20 for his continuing contributions in behalf of the Lone Star State;
- 21 and, be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 23 prepared for Representative Farias as an expression of high regard
- 24 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2654 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House