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H.R. No. 2654

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

21           WHEREAS, Actively involved in his community for more than  
22 three and a half decades, Joe Farias has given generously of his  
23 time and efforts through such volunteer activities as coaching  
24 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

4 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.