

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

**WHEREAS**, Major Vic A. Maceo is retiring after 40 years of service with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Beach Patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, Vic Maceo has been affiliated with the beach patrol since 1967, when he was a 16-year-old lifeguard; he was promoted to lieutenant in 1982, to captain four years later, and to major in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, This dedicated professional worked with local and state leaders in 1981 to ensure that the city's lifeguard program received permanent funding through the hotel-motel tax bill; with the passage of that legislation, the sheriff's office, together with the City of Galveston's Park Board of Trustees, took over administration of the beach patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, Through Major Maceo's visionary leadership, the Galveston Beach Patrol has continued to grow and improve; moreover, Major Maceo oversaw the creation of the Gulf Coast Region of the United States Lifesaving Association and the local Galveston chapter, which he has served as president; and

**WHEREAS**, In his 40 years as a member of the beach patrol, Major Maceo has personally made more than 400 rescues; he was recognized for his hard work and dedication with his receipt of a Medal of Heroism from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, For four decades, Vic Maceo has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving his community by promoting safety and preventing injury and loss of life on the beaches of Galveston County, and his actions have truly made a difference in the lives of countless people; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate Major Vic A. Maceo on the occasion of his retirement from the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Beach Patrol and extend to him best wishes for continued happiness in all his endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Major Maceo as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 29, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate