

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 489

WHEREAS, Glen M. Gardner, Jr., a resident of Round Rock and the junior vice commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has rendered heroic service in behalf of Texas military veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, A member of the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970, Mr. Gardner served as an aircraft mechanic with Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing, in Chu Lai, Vietnam; his military awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; and

WHEREAS, Glen Gardner has been a staunch supporter of veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars for nearly four decades; he joined Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2993 in Olathe, Kansas, in 1969, and later, after moving to Texas, he became a life member of Vickery Post 3359 in Garland; twice elected post commander, he also served five terms as post quartermaster and earned a national award for his work as district commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner was selected as adjutant-quartermaster of the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1984, and in that capacity he provided tireless and effective leadership on a range of veterans' issues for more than 20 years; he retired from the state Veterans of Foreign Wars on November 1, 2006, in order to focus on the duties of his current post with the national organization, an office to which he was elected in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, Since 1991, Mr. Gardner has also chaired the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations; that group, which he was instrumental in founding, now represents more than 600,000 former members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner has given generously of his time and expertise to several national Veterans of Foreign Wars committees, including those on budget and finance and national bylaw review; he is affiliated, in addition, with the Military Order of the Cootie, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and National Association of Uniformed Services; and

WHEREAS, Glen Gardner has long been a steadfast champion of our state's military veterans, and his elevation to national Veterans of Foreign Wars office is a fitting acknowledgment of the outstanding skills and commitment he brings to the mission of that vital organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby honor Glen M. Gardner, Jr., for his sterling efforts in behalf of veterans and veterans' families in the Lone Star State and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

Ogden, Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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