

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 694

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Chief Warrant Officer-3 Mario G. Villescas on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps after more than 22 years of meritorious service to his country; and

WHEREAS, Mario Villescas was born and raised in Pecos and graduated from Pecos High School in 1984; he enlisted in the delayed entry program of the Marine Corps in August of 1983 at the age of 17 and began training in San Diego, California, in July of 1984; and

WHEREAS, After completing the personnel administration school at Camp Del Mar in Camp Pendleton, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines at Twentynine Palms, California; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, he earned promotions, rising to lance corporal, corporal, and sergeant; he completed an overseas tour of duty as personnel chief at Camp Butler in Okinawa, Japan, and returned to San Diego, where he received training as a drill instructor; and

WHEREAS, After serving 12 years as a personnel administrator and administration chief, he was selected for the warrant officer program in Quantico, Virginia; he returned to Twentynine Palms and served as squadron personnel officer, adjutant, and legal officer; he was part of the team that established the first Installation Personnel Administration Center; and

WHEREAS, He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer-3 in June of 2002 and was deployed as a personnel officer with the 1st Marine Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; he returned to Twentynine Palms in January of 2004 and was reassigned to the Installation Personnel Administration Center as deputy director; during this tour of duty, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in organizational leadership from Chapman University; in August of 2005, he was reassigned to the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, where he was the battalion personnel officer; and

WHEREAS, A highly decorated officer, Mario G. Villescas has served his country with honor during times of peace and times of hostilities; he is an outstanding officer whose allegiance to duty and superior leadership deserve recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend United States Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer-3 Mario G. Villescas for his many years of distinguished and loyal service to the citizens of this state and this nation and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 April 16, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate