

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charles Kieth Christian has
2 rendered valiant service in Iraq as a member of the Texas National
3 Guard; and

4 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan joined the U.S. Army in July
5 1988; following boot camp, he attended crew chief training and
6 served as a crew chief on Huey and Blackhawk helicopters until 1996;
7 he went on to join the Texas National Guard, earning a full-time
8 position with RAID, a unit that assists law enforcement with drug
9 eradication; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2006, Chief Warrant Officer Christian completed
11 flight school, and his outstanding efforts were recognized with the
12 class Leadership Award; deployed to Iraq two years later with the
13 2-149th B Company, he served his country with distinction as a
14 Chinook pilot and returned home to the Lone Star State on May 24,
15 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, The son of C. D. and Mary Christian, Chief Warrant
17 Officer Christian is a loving husband to his wife, Heather, and a
18 devoted father to three children, Johnathan, Michael, and Kelsi;
19 his family also includes his siblings, Johnnie Christian, Sally
20 Perry, and Patricia Iles, and a number of nieces and nephews; and

21 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to the country's
22 servicemen and servicewomen, for they are called on to bear great,
23 often unimaginable, burdens, and their service and sacrifice are
24 truly beyond measure; and

1 WHEREAS, In answering his nation's call to duty, Chief
2 Warrant Officer Christian has demonstrated extraordinary
3 commitment and bravery, and it is indeed a privilege to welcome him
4 home; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Chief Warrant Officer
7 Charles Kieth Christian for his courageous service to his country
8 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Chief Warrant Officer Christian as an expression of
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Kleinschmidt

H.R. No. 14

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 14 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House