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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Navy Lieutenant Neil Bryan Fletcher is
2 rendering exceptional service to this country as a member of the
3 United States armed forces; and

4 WHEREAS, A naval aviator, Lieutenant Fletcher flies the E-2C
5 Hawkeye, a twin-engine, turboprop aircraft whose numerous missions
6 include all-weather airborne early warning, battle management,
7 surface surveillance coordination, air interdiction, and search
8 and rescue; based at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, California, he is
9 assigned to Squadron VAW-117, nicknamed "The Wallbangers," and the
10 aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz*; Lieutenant Fletcher is deploying with
11 his squadron in July 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, Born on April 5, 1981, in Morristown, New Jersey,
13 Neil Fletcher attended high school in Chatham, New Jersey, and
14 Roswell, Georgia; while in high school, he earned varsity letters
15 in baseball and wrestling and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Fletcher graduated with distinction in
17 2004 with a degree in political science from the United States Naval
18 Academy, where he served as brigade command conduct officer; the
19 following year, he earned a master's degree in International Policy
20 Studies from Stanford University; during the course of his program
21 at Stanford, he held a fellowship at the Center for International
22 Security and Cooperation and worked for senior fellow and former
23 secretary of defense William J. Perry; and

24 WHEREAS, After flight training in Pensacola, Corpus Christi,

1 and Kingsville, Lieutenant Fletcher received his wings on December
2 14, 2007; he was also recognized with the Top Hook award for posting
3 the best carrier qualification scores in his class; Lieutenant
4 Fletcher was subsequently assigned to Norfolk, Virginia, for E-2C
5 Hawkeye training; and

6 WHEREAS, This outstanding young officer is the son of Elissa
7 and Neil Fletcher of The Woodlands and the brother of Michael,
8 Daniel, and William Fletcher, who all take great pride in his many
9 accomplishments; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his courage, professionalism, and devotion
11 to duty, Lieutenant Fletcher embodies the highest ideals of the
12 United States Navy, and he is deserving of his fellow citizens' deep
13 respect and appreciation; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Lieutenant Neil Bryan Fletcher for his
16 exemplary service in this country's behalf and extend to him
17 sincere best wishes for continued success in all of his endeavors;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Lieutenant Fletcher as an expression of high regard by
21 the Texas House of Representatives.