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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, General Michael W. Hagee, United States Marine Corps
2 (Ret.), of Fredericksburg, has been appointed executive director of
3 the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, effective January 5, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the foundation's board since 2007,
5 General Hagee will play a vital role in advancing the work of that
6 organization, which has supported the National Museum of the
7 Pacific War since 1970; located on nine acres in Fredericksburg and
8 operated under the auspices of the Texas Historical Commission, the
9 museum is the only institution in the continental United States
10 dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific theater
11 battles of World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Fredericksburg, General Hagee
13 joined the navy in 1963 and graduated with distinction from the U.S.
14 Naval Academy in 1968; during a career of nearly four decades, he
15 served as commanding general of the 1st Marine Division and the I
16 Marine Expeditionary Force, as senior military assistant to the
17 deputy secretary of defense, as executive assistant to the director
18 of central intelligence, as deputy director of operations for the
19 U.S. European Command, and as director of strategic plans and
20 policy for the U.S. Pacific Command; he became the 33rd commandant
21 of the marine corps in 2003 and served as a member of the Joint
22 Chiefs of Staff from 2004 until his retirement from the service in
23 2007; and

24 WHEREAS, General Hagee's numerous military awards include

1 the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two palms, the Defense
2 Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two gold stars, the
3 Bronze Star with Combat "V," and the Defense Meritorious Service
4 Medal; he has also received personal decorations from a number of
5 foreign countries; and

6 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan holds a bachelor's degree
7 in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, a master's
8 degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate
9 School, and a master's degree in national security studies from the
10 U.S. Naval War College; and

11 WHEREAS, General Michael Hagee has rendered exceptional
12 service to this country in both war and peace, and Texans are indeed
13 fortunate that he is devoting his time and talents to furthering the
14 mission of the National Museum of the Pacific War; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor General Michael W. Hagee, United States
18 Marine Corps (Ret.), on his appointment as executive director of
19 the Admiral Nimitz Foundation and extend to him sincere best wishes
20 for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for General Hagee as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.