

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary plays a
2 crucial role in the operations of this country's oldest continuing
3 seagoing service; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by the U.S. Congress in 1939 and now
5 numbering some 30,000 active members, the auxiliary is the
6 uniformed volunteer component of the coast guard and supports that
7 branch of the armed forces in all its missions, save for military
8 and law enforcement actions; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, members of the auxiliary devote more than
10 2 million hours to coast guard activities; on any given day,
11 auxiliarists throughout the country will assist 28 people, save 1
12 life, come to the aid of 10 vessels, conduct more than 60 safety
13 patrols, and participate in 100 operational support missions and
14 nearly 50 administrative support missions; they will also educate
15 more than 350 individuals about boating safety and perform
16 approximately 300 vessel safety checks; and

17 WHEREAS, Auxiliary members attached to U.S. Coast Guard Air
18 Station Houston render exceptional service, both in performing
19 routine assignments and in augmenting the station's emergency
20 response capability; the demands on this air station and its
21 auxiliary are particularly heavy, owing to the region's
22 vulnerability to hurricanes and tropical storms, the presence of an
23 area population surpassing five million, and the extensive volume
24 of commercial shipping on this part of the coast; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, President George W. Bush awarded the
2 Presidential Unit Citation to all branches of the U.S. Coast Guard,
3 including the auxiliary, for their meritorious action from August
4 29, 2005, to September 13, 2005, in preparing for, and responding
5 to, Hurricane Katrina; and

6 WHEREAS, Whether engaging in public outreach or reinforcing
7 their active-duty and reserve counterparts in such work as search
8 and rescue, homeland security, or maritime environmental
9 protection operations, members of coast guard auxiliary units at
10 Air Station Houston and across the nation adhere faithfully to the
11 coast guard's motto, "Always Ready," and they are providing service
12 of immeasurable value; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the members of the United States Coast
15 Guard Auxiliary at Air Station Houston and around the country for
16 their outstanding contributions to their communities and this
17 nation; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the auxiliary unit at Air Station Houston as an
20 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 924

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 924 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House