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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.