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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bennie L. Cole is retiring from Randolph Air Force
2 Base in 2009, drawing to a close a notable career that has spanned
3 more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Cole had
5 more than 4,000 hours as an aircrew member, including service
6 aboard the plane of then Vice President Gerald Ford; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole's civilian career has included training and
8 certification as a Baldrige Quality Examiner and an Air Force
9 Level Examiner; in his latest role as a senior management analyst at
10 Air Education and Training Command, he has earned the respect and
11 admiration of his colleagues for his astute leadership and
12 dedicated service; he has also garnered a number of accolades,
13 including the Air Force Civilian Award for Valor and the 2007 Air
14 Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award; and

15 WHEREAS, This notable Texan shares his time with a number of
16 worthwhile civic endeavors; a member of the City of San Antonio MLK
17 Scholarship Committee, he also serves on the Northside ISD Bond
18 Committee, the Citizens Bond Oversight Commission, and the Alamo
19 Community College District Citizens Bond Oversight Committee; he is
20 a member of the board of the Northside Education Foundation, a group
21 he served as president from 2001 to 2004 and with which he helped to
22 raise more than \$1 million for the Bunny Jean Raba Endowment Fund;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, His efforts in behalf of his community have earned

1 him the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the San Antonio Police
2 Officers Association, the San Antonio Black Achievement Award, and
3 the Meritorious Service Award for volunteerism from the United
4 Negro College Fund; and

5 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Cole has been supported
6 by a loving family, including his wife, Edithe, his son, Bennie L.
7 Cole II, and his grandchildren, Marcus and Eliya; and

8 WHEREAS, The occasion of his retirement presents a fitting
9 opportunity to recognize Bennie Cole and commend him for his myriad
10 achievements; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Bennie L. Cole on his retirement
13 from Randolph Air Force Base and extend to him sincere best wishes
14 for continued happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Cole as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.