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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major General Christopher J. Powers, commander of
2 the Texas State Guard, has rendered exceptional service to this
3 state and country over the course of a military career that has
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, General Powers was commissioned a second lieutenant
6 of field artillery on his graduation from St. Mary's University in
7 1969, and during the next four years, he served overseas in Germany
8 and South Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, After leaving active duty in 1973, General Powers
10 spent 27 years with the Texas Army National Guard; his many posts
11 with the guard included assignment as the commander of two field
12 artillery battalions, as director of logistics for the 111th Area
13 Support Group, as division artillery commander of the 49th Armored
14 Division, and as assistant division commander for maneuver for the
15 49th Armored Division Task Force Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2000, General Powers retired from the army
17 national guard and joined the Texas State Guard; he served as
18 commander of the 1st Brigade from 2002 to 2003 and then as deputy
19 commander of the state guard for nearly three years, until assuming
20 his present post in May 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, In his position as commander of the Texas State
22 Guard, General Powers oversees a force that provides critical
23 assistance to local and state authorities in times of emergency;
24 the guard is routinely involved in flood and hurricane relief and is

1 presently engaged in a border security initiative and an oral
2 rabies vaccination program, as well as other efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed officer is a graduate of the U.S. Army
4 Field Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced courses, U.S. Army
5 Armor School Battalion Maintenance Officer Course, U.S. Army
6 Adjutant General School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff
7 College, and U.S. Army War College; he also holds a master's degree
8 in environmental management and urban planning from The University
9 of Texas at San Antonio; and

10 WHEREAS, General Powers is the recipient of numerous military
11 awards, among them the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service
12 Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the
13 Army Achievement Medal, the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal,
14 and the Texas Outstanding Service Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout a career distinguished by decisive
16 leadership and consummate professionalism, General Powers has set
17 the highest standards of excellence in the execution of his duties,
18 and he has earned the appreciation of every Texan; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Major General Christopher J. Powers for
22 his outstanding military service and extend to him sincere best
23 wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for General Powers as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.