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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel John W. Doucette of the United States Air
2 Force has rendered distinguished service to his nation throughout
3 his air force career and particularly during his tenure as the
4 commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin Air Force
5 Base; and

6 WHEREAS, This accomplished officer began his assignment with
7 the 47th FTW in December 2007, and in that capacity he has overseen
8 undergraduate flying training for U.S. and allied officers;
9 Colonel Doucette has done an outstanding job of commanding
10 Laughlin's extensive training operation, which includes 252
11 aircraft that fly some 60,000 sorties per year, and his assured
12 leadership has allowed the wing's nearly 3,000 air force and
13 civilian personnel to effectively and efficiently fulfill their
14 duties; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel Doucette completed officer training school
16 at Lackland Air Force Base in 1986 and has proven his abilities in a
17 variety of flying and staff assignments in the years since; a
18 command pilot who has spent 2,500 hours of flight time in the
19 cockpit of the F-15C fighter jet and other aircraft, he completed
20 combat missions during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert
21 Storm, and other military initiatives; and

22 WHEREAS, His extensive and wide-ranging experience includes
23 command of the 18th Operations Support Squadron at Kadena Air Base
24 in Japan and service to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at

1 the Pentagon; before assuming his duties with the 47th FTW, he was
2 vice commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base in
3 Florida; and

4 WHEREAS, Highly respected for his achievements, Colonel
5 Doucette has received numerous commendations, including the
6 Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with
7 four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters,
8 and the Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters; he
9 has advanced steadily through the officer ranks and was
10 commissioned as a colonel on February 1, 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, In the nearly 15 months that he has commanded the
12 47th FTW, Colonel John Doucette has contributed greatly to our
13 nation's defense by preparing air force personnel for their future
14 assignments, and the citizens of Texas and the United States are
15 indeed fortunate to benefit from the services of this accomplished
16 leader; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Colonel John W. Doucette of the U.S. Air
19 Force for his exceptional achievements as commander of the 47th
20 Flying Training Wing and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 continued success in his future assignments; and, be it further

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