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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ronald Ray Hughes is retiring from House Business  
2 Operations on April 30, 2009, after 26 years of exemplary service in  
3 behalf of the State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on November 30, 1947, in Dothan, Alabama, Mr.  
5 Hughes graduated from high school in nearby Ashford in 1966; he then  
6 worked for two years in Florida before moving to Lufkin, where on  
7 March 25, 1969, he married Mona Wythe; Ron Hughes and his wife  
8 subsequently became the proud parents of three children, Donovan  
9 Duane, Dawn Denise, and Emily Jo; and

10           WHEREAS, In May 1969, Mr. Hughes was inducted into the United  
11 States Army; chosen as "Trainee of the Cycle" at the end of boot  
12 camp, he was subsequently selected for noncommissioned officer  
13 training and then appointed as an instructor for Advanced  
14 Individual Training; and

15           WHEREAS, In April 1970, Ron Hughes shipped out to Vietnam  
16 with the rank of platoon sergeant, assigned to Company C, 2nd  
17 Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division; while  
18 engaged in a reconnaissance mission on July 31, 1970, his company  
19 came under intense attack from a large enemy force and he was  
20 seriously wounded; in spite of his injuries, he succeeded in moving  
21 forward under enemy fire to another American soldier who was also  
22 gravely wounded; placing suppressive fire on the adversaries, Ron  
23 Hughes was able to move the man to safety, an action for which he was  
24 awarded the Bronze Star; his other military awards include the

1 Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal; and

2 WHEREAS, The injuries that Mr. Hughes sustained in Vietnam  
3 resulted in a long period of rehabilitation; discharged from the  
4 army in 1971, he returned home to Lufkin and attended Angelina  
5 Junior College and later Stephen F. Austin State University; he  
6 settled in Austin in 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes worked in the Sergeant's Office for the  
8 Texas House of Representatives from January to September 1981, when  
9 he accepted the post of assistant property manager in the House  
10 Property Office; promoted in 1985 to property manager, he worked in  
11 that capacity for six years; after a brief hiatus, he returned to  
12 state government in 1993 and has worked for the Purchasing and  
13 Supply Department of House Business Operations since that date; and

14 WHEREAS, Ron Hughes has devoted more than a quarter-century  
15 to the Texas House of Representatives, and he can indeed take  
16 justifiable pride in his outstanding service to the Lone Star  
17 State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby honor Ronald Ray Hughes on the occasion of his  
20 retirement from House Business Operations and extend to him sincere  
21 best wishes as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life;  
22 and, be it further

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