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H.R. No. 2371

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James J. Crouch of El Paso is retiring in January
2 2010, drawing to a close an outstanding career in the air defense
3 industry that has spanned more than six decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch studied at Howard University, and after
5 completing basic training for the United States Army, he was
6 stationed at Fort Sill in Oklahoma in 1945; on conclusion of his
7 service in the Korean War, he began studying missile systems; and

8 WHEREAS, In the 1950s, when Mr. Crouch became involved in air
9 defense artillery, the field was one of the most technical and
10 cutting-edge branches of the military, and the first missiles had
11 just been deployed to counter the threat of jet fighters and
12 bombers; Mr. Crouch seized the opportunity to learn all he could
13 about this new industry, taking courses on the Ajax missile, the
14 Nike Hercules system, and the Hawk missile system, and he went on to
15 serve as an instructor; he also worked on crews in Germany and
16 Florida, where he tracked aircraft en route from Cuba, before
17 retiring in 1974 as ADA chief warrant officer 4 and accepting a
18 civilian position as a software programmer; and

19 WHEREAS, Later returning to the military sector, Mr. Crouch
20 has served as the deputy director of training instruction for the
21 Air Defense Artillery Center and School at Fort Bliss since 1991; he
22 has been named among the "front four" individuals in the nation's
23 air defense artillery branch, and he received a special tribute in
24 2009 from Major General Howard Bromberg, the Fort Bliss commander;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of 64 years in air defense as both a
3 soldier and a civilian, James Crouch has distinguished himself with
4 the utmost dedication and perseverance, and he may indeed reflect
5 with great pride on his many notable achievements and
6 contributions; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor James J. Crouch on his exemplary service
9 to his country and to the air defense industry and extend to him
10 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Crouch as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.