

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 206**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor the 8,000 men and women of the United States Coast Guard Reserve for their exceptional service to our country and the State of Texas and to congratulate them on the 68th anniversary of the reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, February 19, 2009, marks the 68th anniversary of the creation of the Coast Guard Reserve, which was established when the United States Congress amended the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Coast Guard Reservists have diligently and honorably served in Texas, across our great nation, and abroad, in times of peril and crisis; over 600 Coast Guard Reservists call Texas home, and they were instrumental in helping their fellow Texans during Hurricane Ike in the summer of 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, The Coast Guard Reserve's professional and dedicated personnel provide the Coast Guard and the nation a well-prepared and well-trained workforce with a unique blend of civilian and military education and experience; and

**WHEREAS**, The leadership of the Coast Guard is committed to optimizing the reserve corps by improving training and administrative support, enabling reservists to better serve the people of the United States; our rapidly changing world presents new challenges for Texas and our entire nation, and Coast Guard Reservists play a pivotal and critical role in meeting these urgent challenges; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the members of the Coast Guard Reserve for their service and commitment to our state and nation and congratulate them on the organization's 68th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Van de Putte

Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Carona	Hegar	Shapiro
Davis	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
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Duncan	Jackson	Watson
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Eltife	Nelson	West
Estes	Nichols	Whitmire
Fraser	Ogden	Williams
Gallegos	Patrick	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate