

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 489

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Gene E. Castagnetti, director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Gene Castagnetti was named director of the cemetery on February 25, 1990; prior to joining the National Cemetery Administration, he had completed 28 years of service as a Marine Corps officer and achieved the rank of colonel; he retired from military service in August of 1989; and

WHEREAS, Before retirement, Colonel Castagnetti's last assignment was to serve as the commander of Camp H. M. Smith, Honolulu, and as commanding officer of the Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fleet Marine Services, Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castagnetti is a veteran of two tours in Vietnam; he is the recipient of two Legions of Merit, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and numerous other campaign and expeditionary awards; and

WHEREAS, As director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, he is responsible for all burials and maintenance operations at the cemetery, which is located in Punchbowl Crater, the remnant of a long-extinct volcano; the cemetery is one of the State of Hawaii's most popular tourist attractions, and millions of people visit the site annually; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Gene E. Castagnetti on his outstanding military career and his work as director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate