

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United States Air Force Colonel Michael R. Frankel,
2 commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin Air Force
3 Base, has long rendered exceptional service to this country; and

4 WHEREAS, In his present assignment, Colonel Frankel is
5 responsible for undergraduate flight training for United States Air
6 Force and allied officers; he commands a wing that operates 238
7 training aircraft and that logs more than 80,000 flying hours and
8 55,000 sorties a year; Colonel Frankel is also responsible for
9 ensuring that all the units under his command are able to deploy in
10 support of combat operations worldwide; and

11 WHEREAS, An alumnus of the United States Merchant Marine
12 Academy, Mike Frankel was commissioned into the air force in 1988;
13 he graduated with distinction from the USAF Weapons School in 1996,
14 attended the Air Command and Staff College in 2000, and holds
15 master's degrees in military operational art and science from Air
16 University and in national security strategy from the National War
17 College; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Frankel previously served as commander of
19 the 12th Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base from 2005 to
20 2006; during that time, his squadron won the Hughes Trophy, the most
21 prestigious air force award bestowed on an air fighter defense
22 squadron, and claimed the William Tell championship, the title
23 given to the winner of the USAF biennial fighter gunnery
24 competition; and

1 WHEREAS, After attending the National War College in 2007,
2 Colonel Frankel served as executive officer to the commander,
3 Allied Air Component Command, Headquarters, Izmir, Turkey, from
4 2007 to 2008, as division chief in the Deputy Directorate for
5 Special Operations, Joint Staff, from 2008 to 2009, and as vice
6 commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force
7 Base from 2009 to 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, Rated as a command pilot, Colonel Frankel has
9 amassed 2,400 flight hours and more than 250 combat hours; he was
10 the youngest F-15C pilot to deploy with the 27th Tactical Fighter
11 Squadron for service in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; in
12 addition to the F-15C, he is qualified to fly the T-37 and T-38; and

13 WHEREAS, Among the numerous awards conferred on Colonel
14 Frankel have been the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense
15 Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak
16 leaf clusters, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Aerial
17 Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Commendation Medal
18 with four oak leaf clusters, and Combat Readiness Medal with three
19 oak leaf clusters; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout a career distinguished by decisive
21 leadership and consummate professionalism, Colonel Frankel has set
22 the highest standards of excellence in the execution of his duties,
23 and he has earned the gratitude of every Texan; now, therefore, be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
26 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Colonel Michael R.
27 Frankel for his outstanding military service and extend to him

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1 sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors;
2 and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Colonel Frankel as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 205 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House