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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Victor Ortiz is retiring from the
2 Texas State Guard on February 27, 2011, and this occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to reflect on his outstanding record of service
4 in the armed forces; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Mary's University, Brigadier
6 General Ortiz began his military career on August 28, 1969, when he
7 received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States
8 Army; after finishing the field artillery basic course at Ft. Sill,
9 Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 7th Battalion, 16th Field
10 Artillery, in Baumholder, Germany; and

11 WHEREAS, Victor Ortiz served in Vietnam as the fire direction
12 officer and executive officer with Battery A, 5th Battalion, 42nd
13 Field Artillery; following his return from Southeast Asia, he
14 entered the U.S. Army Individual Ready Reserve; and

15 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Ortiz joined the Texas Military
16 Forces in 1979, enlisting in the Texas Army National Guard; he held
17 a number of leadership positions during his 21 years with the guard,
18 including commander of the Joint Task Force Safe Border and deputy
19 assistant adjutant general; in 2005 he joined the Texas State Guard
20 and assumed command of the 1st Regiment; a year later, in October
21 2006, he was promoted to his present rank and named deputy
22 commanding general--army; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed officer is a graduate of the U.S. Army
24 Field Artillery School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff

1 College, and the U.S. Army War College; he has also earned a master
2 of arts in education from The University of Texas at San Antonio;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Among the many decorations and awards conferred on
5 Brigadier General Ortiz by the army are the Legion of Merit, the
6 Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and
7 the Army Achievement Medal; moreover, he has received numerous
8 citations from the Texas Military Forces, including the Lone Star
9 Distinguished Service Award, the Texas Outstanding Service Medal,
10 the Adjutant General's Individual Award, the Commanding General's
11 Individual Award, and the Texas Faithful Service Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Brigadier
13 General Ortiz has demonstrated a consummate professionalism and an
14 unflinching commitment to safeguarding the welfare of his fellow
15 citizens, and he is indeed deserving of their deepest respect and
16 gratitude; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Brigadier General Victor Ortiz on
19 the occasion of his retirement from the Texas State Guard and extend
20 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Brigadier General Ortiz as an expression of high
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.