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H.R. No. 756

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Deborah L. Van Dormolen of Salado  
2 was named the 2010 Distinguished Military Retiree for Texas by the  
3 Fort Hood Retiree Council; and

4           WHEREAS, Recognized for her outstanding contributions to the  
5 betterment of the community, military retirees, and the families of  
6 military personnel, "Borah" Van Dormolen has given generously of  
7 her time and talents in numerous leadership roles since retiring  
8 from the United States Army in 1997; she is a member of the board of  
9 governors for the Association of the United States Army, Fort Hood  
10 Chapter, and she has served as state vice president for the Texas  
11 Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America  
12 and as president and director of the Central Texas Chapter of the  
13 Military Officers Association; and

14           WHEREAS, Colonel Van Dormolen enlisted in the army in 1974,  
15 after graduating from West Chester State College in Pennsylvania;  
16 she later earned her master's degree in physical education from  
17 Indiana University and also completed the Signal Officer Basic and  
18 Advanced courses and graduated from the Command and General Staff  
19 College; and

20           WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished career spanning  
21 23 years, Colonel Van Dormolen served in faculty, staff, and  
22 command positions in both the United States and the Federal  
23 Republic of Germany; she taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West  
24 Point and was commander of logistics operations units for the

1 army's largest military formations, including the famed 1st Cavalry  
2 Division; in her final assignment, she served as the assistant  
3 chief of staff materiel for the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort  
4 Hood; she received numerous decorations, including the Legion of  
5 Merit, four Meritorious Service Medal awards, two Army Commendation  
6 Medal awards, and two Army Achievement Medal awards; and

7       WHEREAS, Following her retirement, Colonel Van Dormolen  
8 established a successful business, Design Technology Group, Inc.,  
9 with her husband, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Rich Castle; she served  
10 as chief of staff for Representative Kent Grusendorf during the  
11 77th Texas Legislative Session and has served in myriad leadership  
12 positions in the Republican Party; the former president of the  
13 Texas Federation of Republican Women, she has also served that  
14 organization as vice president of finance, vice president of  
15 legislation, and leadership development chair; she has conducted  
16 campaign management seminars for both the TFRW and the National  
17 Federation of Republican Women, and she presently serves as the  
18 National Committeewoman for the Republican Party of Texas; and

19       WHEREAS, In addition to her extensive efforts in behalf of  
20 members of the armed forces and her political party, Colonel Van  
21 Dormolen holds a gubernatorial appointment to the Texas State  
22 Cemetery Committee and is a Rotarian in the Salado Chapter, and she  
23 is an endowment member of the National Rifle Association and the  
24 Texas State Rifle Association; and

25       WHEREAS, Borah Van Dormolen has demonstrated an unwavering  
26 commitment to her community and to improving the lives of military  
27 retirees and the families of military personnel, and she is indeed

1 deserving of the prestigious accolade accorded her; now, therefore,  
2 be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Deborah L. Van  
5 Dormolen on being named the 2010 Distinguished Military Retiree for  
6 Texas and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success;  
7 and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Colonel Van Dormolen as an expression of high regard by  
10 the Texas House of Representatives.