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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Richard L. Cospers of Georgetown  
2 retired from the Texas Army National Guard on February 13, 2011,  
3 concluding 27 years of exemplary service as a member of the military  
4 reserve; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on February 28, 1947, in Memphis, Tennessee,  
6 Rick Cospers enlisted in the United States Army in 1965 and completed  
7 training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort McClellan,  
8 Alabama, before being deployed to Vietnam, ultimately serving two  
9 tours of duty in that country; he moved to San Antonio in 1970 and  
10 later came to Austin, and he pursued course work at both San Antonio  
11 Junior College and Austin Community College; and

12           WHEREAS, He returned to military duty in 1984, joining the  
13 Texas Army National Guard and assuming his responsibilities as a  
14 personnel actions specialist; over the course of his nearly three  
15 decades of service, he supported Operation Desert Storm/Desert  
16 Shield and was deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2000, to Kuwait  
17 in 2003, and to Iraq in 2009 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; he  
18 also served the State of Texas during multiple hurricane relief  
19 efforts; and

20           WHEREAS, The same year he entered the National Guard, Rick  
21 Cospers joined the Travis County Sheriff's Office; beginning his law  
22 enforcement career as a corrections officer, he became certified as  
23 a peace officer and went on to train new deputies and teach at the  
24 academy; he has further distinguished himself on the fugitive

1 warrants team and as a sniper on the SWAT team, and he is trained as  
2 a hostage negotiator; he remains a valued employee of the sheriff's  
3 office to this day, continuing the work he loves; and

4 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Sergeant Major Cosper  
5 enjoys the support of his treasured wife of more than four decades,  
6 Anne Marie, and his daughters, Catherine Elizabeth Cosper and  
7 Second Lieutenant LeeAnne Walker and her husband, Jimmy Dalis  
8 Walker, and he has also had the pleasure of welcoming a grandson,  
9 William Joseph, into his family; and

10 WHEREAS, Well known for his strong sense of duty and  
11 dedication, Rick Cosper has earned the respect of his colleagues  
12 and the appreciation of his fellow Texans for his long-standing  
13 commitment to serving this state and nation; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor Sergeant Major Richard L. Cosper on his  
16 retirement from the Texas Army National Guard and extend to him  
17 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Sergeant Major Cosper as an expression of high regard  
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.