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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wesley George Dempster is celebrating a significant
2 milestone in his life with his graduation from The Citadel, The
3 Military College of South Carolina, on May 7, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Christopher and Cindy Lou Dempster, Wes
5 Dempster was born in Houston and attended Stephen F. Austin High
6 School in Fort Bend County; inspired by his uncle, a retired colonel
7 in the U.S. Air Force, he began exploring his interest in a military
8 career by joining the school's Naval Junior Reserve Officer
9 Training Corps and its award-winning Armed Drill Team and Color
10 Guard; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dempster consistently met and exceeded the
12 demanding standards of The Citadel; during his last three years, he
13 was a member of the elite Cadre Team, helping to train freshmen in
14 physical fitness, inspection preparation, and knowledge of various
15 protocols, and as a junior, he earned the Cadre Leadership Award,
16 which is presented to the team's top three squad sergeants; and

17 WHEREAS, Cadet Dempster went on to earn a position on the
18 Summerall Guards his senior year; members of this renowned silent
19 precision drill platoon are chosen for their physical stamina and
20 drill proficiency and undergo a rigorous physical training and
21 initiation process; Mr. Dempster further distinguished himself
22 through his participation in the Leadership Development Assessment
23 Course at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was assigned to the Red
24 Lions regiment of the U.S. Army's 32nd Armored Regiment and

1 graduated first in his platoon; and

2 WHEREAS, On the day before his graduation, this patriotic and
3 dedicated young Texan is being commissioned as a second lieutenant
4 in the U.S. Army, and after reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia, to
5 receive infantry officer and airborne ranger training, he will
6 return to Texas to begin his military career in earnest at Fort
7 Hood; and

8 WHEREAS, A source of great pride to his family, Wesley George
9 Dempster has demonstrated exceptional drive and determination in
10 the pursuit of his goals, and he may indeed reflect on his success
11 at The Citadel with a sense of accomplishment as he embarks on the
12 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Wesley George Dempster on the
15 occasion of his graduation from The Citadel and extend to him
16 sincere best wishes for continued success in all of his endeavors;
17 and, be it further

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