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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Air Force Major General (Ret.) Paul E. Landers,
2 Jr., served his country with distinction during his exceptional
3 31-year career in the military; and

4 WHEREAS, Born near Seminole, Oklahoma, in 1939, Paul Landers
5 graduated from Hobbs High School in Hobbs, New Mexico, in 1957; he
6 attended the University of New Mexico before enrolling at the U.S.
7 Air Force Academy, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in
8 1962; he later completed a master's degree in public administration
9 at Auburn University; and

10 WHEREAS, After being commissioned as a second lieutenant in
11 1962, Paul Landers trained as a pilot at Moody Air Force Base,
12 Georgia, and he remained at Moody as a flight instructor and
13 examiner until 1967, when he was sent to South Vietnam; while
14 serving in the Vietnam War, he flew 375 combat missions as a forward
15 air controller supporting the 9th Infantry Division of the U.S.
16 Army; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his service in Vietnam, General Landers
18 was assigned as an exchange instructor with the 2nd Flying Training
19 School, Moose Jaw, Canada; he returned to the United States in 1970
20 and continued to advance within the ranks of the air force; his
21 assignments included service as a plans officer with the 438th
22 Military Airlift Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, and
23 work with the Coordinated Actions Plans Division of the Office of
24 the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters

1 U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.; in addition, he served as deputy
2 chief of the Policy Analysis Group with the Office of the Secretary
3 of the Air Force, as deputy commander for operations of the 438th
4 Military Airlift Wing, as deputy chief of staff for operations,
5 21st Air Force, at McGuire Air Force Base, and as vice commander of
6 the 437th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, South
7 Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, In July 1983, General Landers took command of the
9 437th Military Airlift Wing; he later held appointments as the
10 commandant of Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base,
11 Alabama, as assistant deputy chief of staff for plans, Headquarters
12 Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, and as director of
13 manpower and organization at air force headquarters; on August 1,
14 1989, he received promotion to the rank of major general; during
15 Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as commander
16 of the 21st Air Force, Military Airlift Command, at McGuire Air
17 Force Base, and in this capacity he was responsible for airlift
18 operations to the Persian Gulf; he retired from the air force on
19 June 1, 1993, as deputy chief of staff, operations and
20 transportation, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, at Scott Air
21 Force Base, Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed officer received extensive leadership
23 training through the Squadron Officer College, the Air Command and
24 Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces;
25 moreover, he completed the Program for Senior Executives in
26 National and International Security at the John F. Kennedy School
27 of Government at Harvard University; and

1 WHEREAS, Among the many decorations conferred on General
2 Landers by the air force are the Distinguished Service Medal, the
3 Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying
4 Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak
5 leaf cluster, the Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force
6 Commendation Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross
7 with two silver stars; he is also the recipient of the Order of the
8 Sword, which is the highest award that can be bestowed by the air
9 force enlisted force; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his three decades in the United States
11 Air Force, Major General Landers demonstrated exceptional
12 leadership, valor, and devotion to duty, and he is indeed worthy of
13 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Major General (Ret.) Paul E. Landers,
16 Jr., for his outstanding military service and extend to him sincere
17 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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