SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 699

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Patrick Swint for his many years of outstanding service as a member of the United States armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Swint began his military career in 1987 when he enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard; he converted to the Texas Air National Guard in 1989 and rose through the ranks, attaining the rank of staff sergeant in 1994; and

WHEREAS, He entered Officer Candidate School that same year as a participant in the United States Army Physician Assistant School; he graduated in 1996 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant; he earned a bachelor's degree with honors in physician assistant studies from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, He was called to active duty several times, serving in Operation Desert Storm and as a deputy air surgeon during the joint task force Operation Jump Start Texas; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Swint retired from the United States Air Force in 2008, having achieved the rank of major; over the course of his military career, he received numerous medals and commendations, including the Texas Desert Storm Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one Service Star, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and

National Defense Service Medal with one Service Star, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and WHEREAS, Mr. Swint served the nation with honor and distinction, and it is truly fitting that he be recognized for his outstanding service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Patrick Swint on his exceptional service to the nation in the United States armed forces and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

 ${\tt RESOLVED}$, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate