

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 983

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Band of Corpus Christi was founded on June 3, 1986, in order to provide live music to enhance the spirit of solemnity and grandeur inherent in patriotic ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated group was formed under the direction of Ram Chavez, a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient; consisting of veterans from all branches of military service, the band has been honored by many local and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the band has performed at countless patriotic ceremonies and for numerous state and national leaders; it has played for Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush and was featured at the inaugural parade of Texas Governor Ann Richards; and

WHEREAS, Current members of the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi are Daniel Aguilar, Kevin Aguilar-Ferrari, Frank Alaniz, Bob Allen, Albert Arzuaga, Jose A. Barrientes, Louis Bazaldua, Thomas Caldera, Robert Callejo, Rene Cantu, Daniel Carranza, Ramiro Chavez, Antonio Cirillo, Fernandez Cruz, Frank De los Santos, Thomas Dreyer, John Earhart, Christopher Fridge, Gabriel Escobar, Jesse Escobedo, Crispin Garcia, Leo Garcia, Amos Griffen, Terry Harris, Sixto Hernandez, Eddie Heskett, Emmitt "Bubba" Jacob, Mark Johnson, Dr. Rick Lazarte, Juan Ledesma, Floyd G. Loomis, Juan Lugo, Gilbert Luna, Richard Perez Martinez, Rene Marroquin, Greg Mendoza, Terry Morris, Alex Muro, Beto Palacios, Beto C. Rios, Al Rivera, Jose Robles, Enrique Rodriguez, Juan Sanchez, Tilden Smith, Larry Villareal, and Larry White; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary band is truly deserving of recognition for its enduring commitment to bringing respect and dignity to patriotic occasions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi on 25 years of outstanding musicianship and extend to its members best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the band as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate