

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1013

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jose Antonio Chapa of San Antonio, who has an outstanding record of achievements as a military and private pilot; and

**WHEREAS**, Jose Chapa grew up in Brownsville; he joined the United States Army as a private and retired as a field-grade officer with the rank of major, having served two tours of duty in Vietnam as an Army aviator; he was designated a Master Army Aviator and was awarded a Legion of Merit upon retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, He joined the Army in 1959; he graduated from Officer Candidate School in April of 1961 and from the Army Paratrooper School in June, and he completed the Officer Fixed Wing Aviator Course with an instrument rating in the de Havilland Beaver in December of the same year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Chapa completed many aviation courses during his Army service and served as an instructor, an operations officer, and an aviation safety officer; his two tours of duty in Vietnam included serving as a standardization instructor pilot with the 225th Surveillance Airplane Company from July of 1969 to July of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his exemplary service in the military, Mr. Chapa has flown with Frontier Airlines and for Armstrong International; he has been a flight instructor, program manager, and director of operations for FlightSafety International and has served as a contract pilot for several corporations; he continues to fly as a member of the Civil Air Patrol in San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, A career pilot for 50 years, Jose Chapa is truly worthy of legislative recognition for his extensive career in aviation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Jose Antonio Chapa for his long and productive career in the United States Army and his distinguished private career as a pilot and instructor; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate