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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel (Ret.) Kimberly Olson, chief executive
2 officer of Grace After Fire, has contributed immeasurably to the
3 well-being of female combat veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the first generation of female pilots in
5 the United States Air Force, Colonel Olson helped change
6 perceptions of women in the military over the course of a career
7 spanning 25 years; in her current role, she assists fellow veterans
8 in making successful transitions from the armed forces to civilian
9 life; and

10 WHEREAS, Grace After Fire facilitates access to health and
11 support services, sponsors retreats for veterans and their
12 families, and hosts a peer-to-peer outreach, "Color Me Camo," that
13 is approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services; under
14 the leadership of Colonel Olson, the organization has worked to aid
15 more than 2,000 women in overcoming PTSD, traumatic brain injury,
16 and other challenges resulting from their service to our country;
17 she also advocates frequently for public policy that benefits
18 female veterans, and she provided key testimony before the Texas
19 Veterans Commission, which decided to create a program to assist
20 female veterans in obtaining support services at the federal,
21 state, and community levels; and

22 WHEREAS, Through her dedication to the mission of Grace After
23 Fire, Colonel Olson is making a positive difference in the lives of
24 female veterans and their families, and it is indeed fitting to

1 honor her for her far-reaching accomplishments; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Colonel (Ret.)
5 Kimberly Olson for her achievements as chief executive officer of
6 Grace After Fire and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
7 success in her important endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Colonel Olson as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.