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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain Ken Baker retired from the Texas Parks and  
2 Wildlife Department in 2012, drawing to a close a notable career  
3 that spanned more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A seventh-generation Texan, Ken Baker was born in  
5 Brownsville in 1947 and was raised on his family's farm and ranch in  
6 Cameron County; he graduated from San Benito High School and  
7 subsequently served his country in the United States Navy during  
8 the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Baker attended the Texas Game Warden Academy  
10 at Texas A&M University and began his work as a game warden in  
11 Edinburg in 1972; he served for many years in Hidalgo County,  
12 enforcing laws related to the area's natural resources and to  
13 boating on the Rio Grande, and became a well-known public servant in  
14 the area; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, Captain Baker saw his  
16 duties expand to include increased collaboration with homeland  
17 security officers supervising the border; promoted to sergeant and  
18 then to captain for the Rio Grande Valley District, he was thought  
19 to be the longest-serving active game warden in the state at the  
20 time of his retirement, with 41 years on the job; in addition,  
21 Captain Baker served his professional community as vice president  
22 of the Texas Game Warden Association; and

23 WHEREAS, The dedication and commitment to excellence  
24 demonstrated by this outstanding Texan greatly benefited his fellow

1 citizens, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well  
2 spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Captain Ken Baker on his retirement  
6 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and extend to him  
7 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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