

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Paul Roger Kirk retired from
2 the Texas State Guard in 2012, drawing to a close an outstanding
3 record of service in the armed forces that covered more than 50
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Paul Kirk joined the United
6 States Air Force in 1957 and served in Georgia, Germany, France, and
7 South Carolina before his discharge from active duty in 1965; he
8 subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, in which he
9 served from 1965 to 1967 and from 1971 to 1977; Sergeant Major Kirk
10 next joined the Texas Army National Guard, an organization to which
11 he devoted nearly 21 years; he has served in the Texas State Guard
12 since 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Kirk's extensive military education
14 has included training as a photo equipment repairman and as an
15 aircraft loadmaster, a specialty for which he held instructor
16 certification; he also completed training in such areas as disaster
17 management and terrorism response; and

18 WHEREAS, Among the awards and citations bestowed on this
19 distinguished Texan over the years have been the Meritorious
20 Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct
21 Medals, the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, and the Senior
22 Aircrew Badge; and

23 WHEREAS, In civilian life, Sergeant Major Kirk has been
24 employed in pipe and vessel fabrication; he is a Mason and also a

1 member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Houston; he lives in
2 Spring with his wife, Georgia Marie; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his military career, Sergeant Major Paul
4 Kirk demonstrated a consummate professionalism and an unfailing
5 commitment to safeguarding the welfare of his fellow citizens, and
6 he is indeed deserving of their deepest respect and gratitude; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Command Sergeant Major Paul Kirk on
10 his retirement from the Texas State Guard and extend to him sincere
11 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Sergeant Major Kirk as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 375

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 375 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House