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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.