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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major General Dana J. H. Pittard of the U.S. Army is
2 accepting a new assignment in May 2013, drawing to a close his
3 exemplary tenure as commander of Fort Bliss in El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, Post commander since July 2010 and commander of the
5 1st Armored Division since May 2011, Major General Pittard has
6 supervised the transition of Fort Bliss into the division's new
7 headquarters, helping to make the base one of the leading combat
8 training installations in the country; during his command, the
9 quality of life for soldiers and their families has been improved
10 through the construction of new facilities, including the on-base
11 Freedom Crossing shopping center, and he has also overseen ongoing
12 efforts to make Fort Bliss self-sufficient in energy, water, and
13 waste disposal by 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso, Major General Pittard graduated
15 from Eastwood High School in 1977 and from the U.S. Military Academy
16 at West Point in 1981; he has also attended the U.S. Army Command
17 and General Staff College and held a Senior Service College
18 Fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard
19 University; and

20 WHEREAS, Major General Pittard's distinguished career
21 includes postings at Fort Riley, Kansas, and in Berlin, Germany,
22 and he served in Saudi Arabia as a company commander during
23 Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; he went on to serve as a
24 military aide to President Bill Clinton, as a combat team commander

1 in Kosovo and Iraq, as commanding general of the Iraqi Assistance
2 Group, and as commanding general of Fort Irwin in California; his
3 most recent position before taking command of Fort Bliss was as
4 deputy chief of staff for operations and training at the Training
5 and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia; and

6 WHEREAS, This outstanding soldier has been awarded the
7 Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak
8 leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and the Bronze
9 Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service
10 Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and
11 the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Major General Pittard
13 has served his nation bravely and well, meeting every assignment
14 with skill and determination, and as he embarks on the next exciting
15 phase of his career, he may indeed take great pride in his
16 impressive record of accomplishment at Fort Bliss; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend Major General Dana J. H. Pittard on his
20 outstanding service as commander of Fort Bliss and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Major General Pittard as an expression of high regard
25 by the Texas House of Representatives.