

By: Menendez

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Carol L. Anderson retired from the U.S. Army
2 on January 31, 2013, drawing to a close an exemplary military career
3 that has spanned nearly three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, After joining the army as a private in 1984 at the
5 age of 17, Ms. Anderson graduated from Officer Candidate School in
6 1989 as an engineer officer; she has distinguished herself since
7 then in a wide variety of assignments, including service as a heavy
8 equipment platoon leader in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operations
9 Desert Shield and Desert Storm and as an S3 operations officer in
10 Somalia during Operation Continue Hope; she went on to become the
11 first woman to teach boxing at the U.S. Military Academy at West
12 Point, where she was on the staff of the Department of Physical
13 Education; and

14 WHEREAS, Colonel Anderson returned to Iraq as the commander
15 of the 46th Engineer Combat Battalion during Operation Iraqi
16 Freedom; she has also seen duty as a geospatial engineer in Hawaii
17 and as an engineer combat battalion executive officer in the
18 Pacific, and she served as the deputy topographic engineer in the
19 Office of the Chief of Engineers at the Pentagon and as secretary of
20 the general staff at headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of
21 Engineers in Washington, D.C.; she retired as the deputy commander
22 for transformation at Fort Sam Houston, where she simultaneously
23 served as the army lead for Base Realignment and Closures and Joint
24 Base San Antonio; and

1 WHEREAS, Along the way, Colonel Anderson has earned a
2 bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Colorado and
3 a master's degree in education from the University of Georgia; her
4 military education includes Officer Candidate School at Fort
5 Benning, the Engineer Officer Basic Course and the Army Force
6 Management School at Fort Belvoir, the Engineer Officer Advanced
7 Course at Fort Leonard Wood, and the Combined Arms and Services
8 Staff School and the Command and General Staff College at Fort
9 Leavenworth; and

10 WHEREAS, This outstanding soldier has been recognized with
11 numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the
12 Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service
13 Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with
14 two oak leaf clusters, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army
15 Achievement Medal, and the Silver and Bronze Orders of the de Fleury
16 Medal, as well as the Combat Action Badge and both the Air Assault
17 and Parachutist Badges; in 2013, she was inducted into the Engineer
18 Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, Colonel Carol Anderson is the proud and devoted
20 mother of two children, Kelvin and Kenedy; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Anderson's expertise, professionalism, and
22 commitment to the mission of the U.S. Army have greatly benefited
23 her nation and earned her the respect and admiration of her fellow
24 soldiers, and she may indeed reflect with a great sense of
25 accomplishment on her military career as she embarks on the next
26 exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Colonel Carol L. Anderson on her
2 retirement from the U.S. Army and extend to her sincere best wishes
3 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Colonel Anderson as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.