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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Colonel Pete Flores retired as Law Enforcement  
2 Division director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on May  
3 31, 2012, concluding a distinguished career in public service that  
4 spanned more than a quarter-century; and

5           WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, Colonel Flores  
6 completed game warden training in January 1985 and was subsequently  
7 stationed in Chambers County; he went on to work in Brazos County  
8 and then in Beaumont and San Antonio, where he served as a captain;  
9 after working as a major in San Angelo, he was promoted to  
10 lieutenant colonel, and in March 2005, he became the first Hispanic  
11 colonel to lead the Law Enforcement Division; and

12           WHEREAS, In that challenging post, Colonel Flores oversaw  
13 more than 500 game wardens in the enforcement of conservation and  
14 environmental laws, as well as in the investigation of interstate  
15 wildlife crimes; he was instrumental in expanding the division's  
16 purview to include border security duties, and he made game warden  
17 training a top priority, ensuring his staff was as prepared and  
18 equipped as possible; among his administration's biggest  
19 accomplishments was having the training campus moved from an  
20 outdated facility in Austin to a state-of-the-art building on 220  
21 acres in Hamilton County; and

22           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State has greatly benefited from the  
23 leadership and commitment of Pete Flores, whose high professional  
24 standards set an outstanding example for his peers in Texas and

1 beyond, and it is a pleasure to honor him for his exceptional record  
2 of achievement; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Colonel Pete Flores on his  
5 retirement as Law Enforcement Division director of the Texas Parks  
6 and Wildlife Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
7 the future; and, be it further

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

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