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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Gerald R. Betty of the Texas State Guard
2 achieved the rank of brigadier general, and this promotion provides
3 fitting recognition of his long record of distinguished service to
4 this state and the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, "Jake" Betty began his military career in 1973, when
6 he joined the U.S. Army; he spent three years on active duty at Fort
7 Benning, Georgia, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, rising to the rank
8 of first lieutenant, and then from 1977 to 1979, he was a member of
9 the Army National Guard; he continued his service over the course of
10 the next quarter-century as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve,
11 specializing in military intelligence; he returned to active duty
12 twice, in support of Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia from September
13 1997 to May 1998 and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003;
14 promoted several times along the way, he retired with the rank of
15 colonel in 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, Highly decorated, Colonel Betty has been awarded the
17 Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf
18 Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters,
19 the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army
20 Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
21 with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal
22 with two Bronze Service Stars, among many other honors; and

23 WHEREAS, Colonel Betty graduated from Texas A&M University
24 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and a master's

1 degree in educational administration; his affiliation with the
2 university also includes working for the Office of the Commandant
3 in such positions as chief of staff, interim commandant, and deputy
4 commandant; he retired from Texas A&M in 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Since January 2006, Colonel Betty has served with
6 distinction as a member of the Texas State Guard, most recently, in
7 the J-1 section of headquarters in Austin; at his new rank, he will
8 be the deputy commanding general of the Army Component Command; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his endeavors, Colonel Betty has enjoyed
10 the love and support of his wife of 37 years, Juli, as well as their
11 children, Josh and Alison, and his treasured family further
12 includes three grandchildren, Jax, Joy-Lindsey, and Rudder; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Jake Betty has devoted himself to protecting
14 and defending this state and nation for a remarkable four decades,
15 and his promotion to brigadier general represents a resounding vote
16 of confidence in his ability to meet the challenges and
17 opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Colonel Gerald R. "Jake" Betty of
20 the Texas State Guard on attaining the rank of brigadier general and
21 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
22 further

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