

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dan Bentz and the Cookie Commandos of Sun City have  
2 found a notable way of expressing their gratitude for the  
3 courageous service of this nation's military personnel; and

4           WHEREAS, Organized approximately 10 years ago by a group of  
5 veterans and retirees, the Cookie Commandos bake, collect, and  
6 deliver treats to the men and women at Fort Hood; their distribution  
7 sites have included the Soldier Process Readiness Center, where  
8 troops are interviewed and evaluated before being deployed, the  
9 Warrior Transition Brigade Campus, where injured soldiers are  
10 treated, and the Fisher House, which provides lodging for the  
11 families of hospitalized service members; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz, a U.S. Army veteran who fought with the  
13 1st Cavalry Division in the Vietnam War, helped establish the  
14 program, and he has logged countless hours traveling around the  
15 base in a car packed with baked goods to brighten the days of  
16 soldiers and their families; the group intensified its efforts when  
17 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan escalated, and at one time as many  
18 as 100 people prepared treats each week; the Cookie Commandos have  
19 been featured in a KLRU documentary, *Operation Appreciation*, which  
20 details how numerous other members of the community, including the  
21 students, parents, and teachers at Village Elementary School in  
22 Georgetown, along with a local H-E-B and Daylight Donuts, have  
23 joined in the project; and

24           WHEREAS, Through his work with the Cookie Commandos, Dan

1 Bentz has helped bring cheer to countless American soldiers and has  
2 conveyed a heartfelt thanks for their selfless efforts in this  
3 country's behalf; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Dan Bentz for his outstanding endeavors as  
6 part of the Cookie Commandos and commend him for his steadfast,  
7 generous support of our troops; and, be it further

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

Farney

H.R. No. 3087

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3087 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House