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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.