

R E S O L U T I O N

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

23           WHEREAS, Through his work with the Cookie Commandos, Howard  
24 Konetchy has helped bring cheer to countless American soldiers and

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1 has conveyed a heartfelt thanks for their selfless efforts in this  
2 country's behalf; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3091 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House