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H.R. No. 3091

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

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.