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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former Sergeant Antonio Cordova of Mission defended  
2 his nation with bravery and distinction during his 11 years in the  
3 U.S. Marine Corps, and he truly merits special recognition for his  
4 exemplary service; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, Sergeant Cordova attended the  
6 University of North Texas before joining the marines in 1957; he was  
7 honorably discharged in 1963, but two years later, he reenlisted  
8 when his nation needed him during the Vietnam War; and

9           WHEREAS, Sergeant Cordova joined the First Marine Aircraft  
10 Wing in Vietnam, where he flew more than 275 combat missions as a  
11 crew chief and a door gunner for Marine Helicopter Squadron  
12 HMM-363; in the course of this extremely dangerous duty, the  
13 sergeant was wounded once and survived three forced landings; and

14           WHEREAS, Subsequently retrained for embassy duty, Sergeant  
15 Cordova served one year each at the U.S. embassies in Tunis,  
16 Tunisia, and Nairobi, Kenya; he was honorably discharged again in  
17 1970; and

18           WHEREAS, Following his military service, Sergeant Cordova  
19 continued to dedicate his life to protecting the public as a trooper  
20 and a narcotics officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety  
21 and as a member of the Organized Crime Division of the Texas  
22 Attorney General; he has also worked as a private investigator for  
23 the Hidalgo and Cameron County Bar Associations; and

24           WHEREAS, Sergeant Cordova remains proud of his tenure in the

1 U.S. Marines, and he is a former commander of Chapter 5077 of the  
2 Military Order of the Purple Heart and an active member of the  
3 Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

4 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the  
5 men and women who take up arms in our defense; Sergeant Tony Cordova  
6 endured the hardships of war with courage and tenacity, and his  
7 efforts have helped to preserve the flame of freedom; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commend Sergeant Antonio Cordova for his service  
11 in the U.S. Marine Corps and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
12 continued happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Sergeant Cordova as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.