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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain Christopher D. Fox of Plano retired from the
2 U.S. Navy on March 31, 2015, drawing to a close a distinguished
3 career in our nation's service that has spanned more than three
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised on Long Island, New York, Captain
6 Fox was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps
7 upon his graduation from Wayne State University in Detroit in 1984;
8 he received his basic training in Quantico, Virginia, and then,
9 because of a shortage of navy pilots, he transferred into the navy
10 as an ensign in April 1985; he was designated as a naval aviator in
11 1986, and he completed fleet replacement training on the P-3 Orion
12 aircraft at naval patrol squadron VP-31 in 1987; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1987 to 1990, Captain Fox was assigned to duty
14 with the Golden Eagles of VP-9 at Moffett Field in California;
15 during that time, he deployed to the Philippines, Japan, Diego
16 Garcia, and Saudi Arabia and served as avionics and armament
17 division officer, pilot Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures
18 Standardization (NATOPS) officer, standardization instructor
19 pilot, patrol plane commander, and mission commander; from
20 September 1990 until his release from active duty in December 1991,
21 he served with VP-31 as fleet replacement squadron instructor pilot
22 and as airframes branch officer; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Fox subsequently joined the navy reserve and
24 served as pilot NATOPS officer and as aviation safety officer with

1 the Executioners of VP-93 in Detroit; while a member of that unit,
2 he deployed to Italy and patrolled the Adriatic Sea to enforce UN
3 sanctions against Yugoslavia; after the squadron was
4 disestablished in 1994, he joined the Crawfishers of VP-94 in New
5 Orleans, deploying to Puerto Rico, Panama, Ecuador, El Salvador,
6 Okinawa, and Japan and serving as the squadron's pilot NATOPS and
7 training officer, maintenance officer, executive officer, and
8 commanding officer; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his tenure with VP-94, Captain Fox served
10 as commander of Naval Air Base Support Unit 0170, as naval reserve
11 commander of U.S. Sixth Fleet Maritime Partnership Program
12 Detachment 413, and as naval reserve commander of U.S. Pacific
13 Fleet MOC Detachment 501; his non-command tours included active
14 duty service as operational support officer to the commander of the
15 Pacific Fleet, chief staff officer to the naval reserve commander
16 of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, and chief staff officer to the naval
17 reserve commander of U.S. Sixth Fleet Maritime Partnership Program
18 Detachment 513; and

19 WHEREAS, Among the decorations conferred on this
20 distinguished officer have been the Legion of Merit, the
21 Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the
22 Navy Achievement Medal; Captain Fox is a pilot for American
23 Airlines in civilian life, and in all his endeavors, he enjoys the
24 love and support of his wife, Lisa; and

25 WHEREAS, Captain Christopher Fox's professionalism and
26 dedication to duty have earned him the respect and admiration of all
27 with whom he has served, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his

1 exemplary military record as he embarks upon the next exciting
2 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Captain Christopher D. Fox on his
5 retirement from the U.S. Navy and extend to him sincere best wishes
6 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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