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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Petty Officer First Class Sherrae Brissette is
2 retiring from the U.S. Navy on May 31, 2015, drawing to a close two
3 decades of distinguished service to this nation; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Victoria, Sherrae Brissette graduated
5 from Pine Forest Senior High School in Fayetteville, North
6 Carolina, in 1992, and in May 1995, she answered her nation's call
7 to duty and joined the U.S. Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing basic training at Naval Station
9 Great Lakes in Illinois, Ms. Brissette attended Hospital Corps
10 School; in November 1995, she reported for duty as a hospital
11 corpsman at Naval Hospital Great Lakes, and she then served as a
12 hospital apprentice at Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Virginia;
13 following a tour at Branch Medical Clinic in Ingleside, Texas,
14 Hospitalman Brissette joined the crew of the USS *Carl Vinson* in 1999
15 and was promoted to petty officer third class; she also earned her
16 first Navy Achievement Medal for coming to the aid of a heart attack
17 victim; and

18 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2003, Petty Officer Brissette served in
19 Guam, and in 2003, she transferred to the Military Entrance
20 Processing Station in Dallas, where she screened applicants and was
21 named Sailor of the Year in 2004; the following year, she worked at
22 the Recruit Training Command, qualifying as a master training
23 specialist, and in 2007, she was the "company gunny" in charge of
24 her battalion at the Field Medic School at Camp Pendleton; promoted

1 to petty officer second class, she next served as leading petty
2 officer at Branch Medical Clinic Barstow, where she was again named
3 Sailor of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, In January 2008, Petty Officer Brissette deployed to
5 Iraq as squadron corpsman with Marine Attack Squadron VMA-311;
6 after returning to the states, she served again at Branch Health
7 Clinic Barstow until 2010, when she was promoted to petty officer
8 first class and assigned as the medical leading petty officer for
9 Combat Logistics Battalion 6 at Camp Lejeune; she deployed with
10 that unit in 2011 to Afghanistan, where she led 32 corpsmen at the
11 Camp Bastion trauma hospital; in 2012, she returned stateside to
12 finish her career in the medical department at the Naval
13 Operational Support Center Houston; and

14 WHEREAS, The military awards conferred on Petty Officer
15 Brissette include two Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, five
16 Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Iraq
17 Campaign Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Sherrae Brissette has cared for
19 sailors and marines of the U.S. armed forces in wartime and in
20 peacetime, at posts across the country and around the world, and her
21 skill, professionalism, and compassion have earned her the
22 gratitude of her patients and the enduring respect of all with whom
23 she has worked; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Petty Officer First Class Sherrae
26 Brissette on her retirement from the U.S. Navy and extend to her
27 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Petty Officer Brissette as an expression of high
4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.