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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Curtis G. Raetz (USMCR, Ret.) closed out a
2 notable 16-year tenure with Raytheon when he retired from the
3 company on April 3, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Casper, Wyoming, Curtis Gene Raetz was
5 raised in the Middle East and graduated from George C. Marshall
6 High School in Ankara, Turkey; he was subsequently awarded a full
7 Naval ROTC scholarship to attend The University of Texas at Austin,
8 where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in
9 1976, and he went on to receive a master's degree in systems
10 management from the University of Southern California and an MBA
11 from the Naveen Jindal School of Management at UT-Dallas; and

12 WHEREAS, Through the NROTC program, Mr. Raetz was
13 commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps,
14 where he served as a pilot for six years, logging 2,500 hours in the
15 cockpit; after completing his active duty in 1983, he entered the
16 Selected Marine Corps Reserve and continued serving on assignments
17 until December 2006; over the course of his exemplary military
18 career, he received numerous commendations, including the
19 Meritorious Service Medal and two Navy Achievement Medals, and he
20 attained the rank of colonel; and

21 WHEREAS, This accomplished officer began his civilian
22 employment as a manufacturing engineer at Texas Instruments in
23 1983, and in the ensuing years, he gained additional work
24 experience as a program manager at SBS Engineering, Paradigm

1 Simulation, and the Digital Pilot Corporation; and

2 WHEREAS, In June 1999, Colonel Raetz started working at
3 Raytheon, where he has distinguished himself in several management
4 positions in information technology and systems; throughout his
5 tenure, he has been recognized for his fine work with a number of
6 accolades, including the 2004 Intelligence, Information and
7 Services Employee of the Year Award, the 2002 IIS IT Outstanding
8 Leadership Award, the 2001 C3i IT Award of Excellence for
9 Outstanding Six Sigma Achievement, and the 2000 C3i IT Award of
10 Excellence for Best Program Management; moreover, his final
11 assignment with the company sent him to Abu Dhabi, United Arab
12 Emirates, for eight months; and

13 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Curtis Raetz enjoys the
14 love and support of his wife, the former Lou Ann Holmes, with whom
15 he has shared 37 rewarding years of marriage, and he takes
16 tremendous pride in the couple's three children, Stephen, Kate, and
17 Will; and

18 WHEREAS, Curtis Raetz's dedication, professionalism, and
19 commitment to excellence have earned him the respect and admiration
20 of his peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
21 achievements as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Curtis G. Raetz on his retirement
25 from Raytheon and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
26 and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Colonel Raetz as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.