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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George Calanche is retiring from the Texas
2 Department of Criminal Justice in August 2015, drawing to a close a
3 notable career in the service of his nation and his state that has
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso in 1951, George Valdez Calanche
6 joined the U.S. Army in August 1974 and served in artillery units
7 for over 20 years as a cannon crewmember; for 12 of those years, he
8 also served as a reenlistment NCO and recruiter, earning
9 recognition from his commanding officers for his sterling
10 performance in that position; his commendations include four Army
11 Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good
12 Conduct Medals, and two National Defense Service Medals; he retired
13 from the army in February 1995, at the rank of sergeant first class;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Calanche began his career with the Texas
16 Department of Criminal Justice in December 1996, when he joined the
17 staff of Rogelio Sanchez State Jail in El Paso; during his years
18 with the jail, he has received the TDCJ Executive Order of Merit, as
19 well as a TDCJ Certificate of Merit for his 10 years of volunteer
20 service as a qualified Spanish interpreter; he has also been
21 recognized as Employee of the Month, and he has been nominated for
22 the International Association of Correctional Officers
23 Correctional Officer of the Year award; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to going above and beyond in carrying

1 out his professional responsibilities, Mr. Calanche has generously
2 given of his time and energy in behalf of a number of worthy causes;
3 he has vigorously promoted the State Employee Charitable Campaign,
4 and he has supported the Special Olympics by organizing
5 fund-raisers and by participating in the Special Olympics
6 Organizational Day Barbecue and Softball Tournament and in the Law
7 Enforcement Torch Run; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Calanche is also beloved for the effort he makes
9 to provide assistance and comfort to his coworkers and the inmates
10 under his care; he has served on the Post Trauma Staff Support team,
11 and he regularly organizes celebrations for birthdays,
12 retirements, and holidays; he often provides emotional and
13 financial support to families in need, and he is always ready with a
14 warm smile or a hug or words of encouragement; and

15 WHEREAS, George Calanche's dedication, professionalism, and
16 compassionate spirit have greatly benefited the functioning of
17 Rogelio Sanchez State Jail and earned him the respect and
18 admiration of his peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a
19 career well-spent as he leaves the institution he has served so
20 well; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby commend George Valdez Calanche for his service
23 in the U.S. Army and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and
24 extend to him sincere best wishes for his retirement; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Mr. Calanche as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.