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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past two recruiting cycles, Staff Sergeant
2 Richard E. Strelsky has distinguished himself as the state's top
3 recruiter for the Texas Army National Guard; and

4 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2013, Sergeant Strelsky enlisted 38
5 individuals and won the coveted Order of the Saber award, which is
6 presented to recruiters who enlist 36 or more new soldiers; the
7 following year, he enlisted 29 new soldiers, and he won awards as
8 the most successful campus recruiter and as the recruiter of the
9 best-quality soldiers; in addition, he was named the Top Recruiting
10 and Retention NCO of the Year in Region 5, which encompasses a
11 seven-state area; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2014, Sergeant Strelsky also won the Directors 54
13 Award by competing against the leading 20 recruiters in the state
14 before a board of sergeant majors, and he won the Texas Strong
15 Warrior Challenge Top Green Phase by mentoring the winners in a
16 competition of recruits who had not yet attended basic training; in
17 2015, he has won the Texas Strong Warrior Challenge Top White Phase,
18 and he has already exceeded his enlistment mission requirements for
19 the year; and

20 WHEREAS, A native of Brenham, Sergeant Strelsky served on
21 active duty with the U.S. Army in Oklahoma and South Korea between
22 2002 and 2004; he joined the Texas Army National Guard in February
23 2005, and he served with his unit during its deployment to Iraq from
24 December 2009 to December 2010; he has been a recruiting and

1 retention NCO in Bryan since July 2011; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Strelsky's numerous decorations and awards
3 include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious
4 Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, seven Army Achievement
5 Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service
6 Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War on
7 Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the
8 Texas Federal Service Medal, and the Texas Combat Service Ribbon;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Recruiting officers play an essential role in the
11 defense of our country, and Sergeant Strelsky's outstanding efforts
12 in providing new recruits with the opportunity to serve their state
13 and nation have placed him among the top ranks of his profession;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend Staff Sergeant Richard E. Strelsky for
17 being the top recruiter for the Texas Army National Guard in the
18 past two recruiting cycles and extend to him sincere best wishes for
19 continued success in his important work; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Sergeant Strelsky as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.