

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 508

WHEREAS, Captain Christopher D. Fox of Plano is retiring from the United States Navy in 2015, drawing to a close a distinguished career in our nation's service that has spanned more than three decades; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Captain Fox subsequently joined the navy reserve and served as pilot Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization officer and as aviation safety officer with the Executioners of VP-93 in Detroit; while a member of that unit, he deployed to Italy and patrolled the Adriatic Sea to enforce United Nations sanctions against Yugoslavia; after the squadron was disestablished in 1994, he joined the Crawfishers of VP-94 in New Orleans, deploying to Puerto Rico, Panama, Ecuador, El Salvador, Okinawa, and Japan and serving as the squadron's pilot Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization officer and as training officer, maintenance officer, executive officer, and commanding officer; and

WHEREAS, Following his tenure with VP-94, Captain Fox served as commander of Naval Air Base Support Unit 0170, as naval reserve commander of United States Sixth Fleet Maritime Partnership Program Detachment 413, and as naval reserve commander of United States Pacific Fleet Maritime Operations Center Detachment 501; his non-command tours have included active duty service as operational support officer to the commander of the Pacific Fleet, chief staff officer to the naval reserve commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, and chief staff officer to the naval reserve commander of United States Sixth Fleet Maritime Partnership Program Detachment 513; and

WHEREAS, Among the decorations conferred on this distinguished officer have been the Legion of Merit, the

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Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal; Captain Fox is a pilot for American Airlines in civilian life, and in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Lisa; and

WHEREAS, Captain Christopher Fox's professionalism and dedication to duty have earned him the respect and admiration of all with whom he has served, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his exemplary military record as he embarks upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby congratulate Captain Christopher D. Fox on his retirement from the United States Navy and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Captain Fox as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate