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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major Pete J. Sanchez is retiring from the United
2 States Air Force on October 1, 2017, concluding 22 years of
3 exemplary service to this nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Following his enlistment in 1995, Pete Sanchez
5 finished basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio
6 and was subsequently assigned to Tinker AFB in Oklahoma;
7 commissioned as a second lieutenant in 2001, he was promoted to
8 first lieutenant in 2002, captain in 2005, and major in 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the years, Major Sanchez has logged more than
10 4,600 flying hours, including over 775 combat and combat-support
11 hours, and participated in such operations as Desert Thunder,
12 Desert Fox, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Joint Guardian, New
13 Dawn, and Inherent Resolve; after assignments as chief of awards
14 and decorations, aircraft commander, flight commander, and
15 instructor pilot, he was appointed in 2010 as assistant director of
16 operations in the 349th Air Refueling Squadron, 22nd Operations
17 Group, at McConnell AFB; since August 2014, this esteemed officer
18 has served as chief pilot, as assistant director of operations, and
19 as an instructor/evaluator pilot of the Central Flight Instructor
20 Course at Altus AFB in Oklahoma; and

21 WHEREAS, Major Sanchez has received numerous decorations and
22 awards during his career, including the Meritorious Service Medal
23 with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the
24 Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force

1 Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force
2 Achievement Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his exceptional leadership, valor, and
4 devotion to duty, Major Pete Sanchez has fulfilled the highest
5 ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and he may indeed reflect with
6 pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
7 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Major Pete
10 J. Sanchez on his retirement from the U.S. Air Force and extend to
11 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Major Sanchez as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.