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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major General Gerald R. Betty is retiring as
2 commanding general of the Texas State Guard in 2017, drawing to a
3 close an outstanding military career that has spanned more than
4 four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M
6 University in 1973, "Jake" Betty was commissioned a second
7 lieutenant in the U.S. Army and assigned to the 101st Airborne
8 Division at Fort Campbell, where he served as infantry platoon
9 leader, infantry company executive officer, reconnaissance platoon
10 leader, and battalion operations and training officer; and

11 WHEREAS, General Betty left active duty in 1977, but he
12 continued to serve in the Texas National Guard as commander of C
13 Company, 1st/143rd Infantry, 36th Airborne Brigade; in 1979, he
14 transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve, where he held a number of
15 leadership positions; his assignments over the years included
16 deployment to Bosnia in 1997-1998, following the end of the Bosnian
17 War, in support of Operation Joint Guard; in February 2003, while
18 serving as commander of the 3419th Military Intelligence Detachment
19 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, he was mobilized
20 and named chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency Iraq Survey
21 Group, Fusion Center-CONUS, whose mission was to support Operation
22 Iraqi Freedom; he retired from the Army Reserve later that year,
23 following an exemplary career in the army that spanned three
24 decades; and

1 WHEREAS, This distinguished officer joined the Texas State
2 Guard in 2006; he served as commander of the 8th Regiment and as
3 headquarters J1 before being promoted to commander of the Army
4 Component Command in 2013; in September 2014, he became the guard's
5 commanding general; during his time in the guard, he has served on
6 active duty missions in response to Hurricanes Dean, Gustav, Dolly,
7 Edouard, and Ike, and he has supported repeated state guard
8 deployments to deal with flooding in Central Texas; he has also
9 served as a liaison for Operation Jade Helm and overseen Operations
10 Lone Star, Border Star, Strong Safety, and Secure Texas; in
11 addition, he has strengthened the guard's military doctrine,
12 policies, and procedures, and he has increased joint training
13 between the guard's components while improving cooperation between
14 the guard and the Texas Military Department; and

15 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, General Betty benefits from
16 the love and support of Juli Betty, his wife of 40 years; the couple
17 take pride in a treasured family that includes their son, Josh
18 Betty, and his wife, Jen, their daughter, Alison Perdue, and her
19 husband, James, and their grandchildren, Jax, Joy-Lindsey, and
20 Rudder; and

21 WHEREAS, Major General Jake Betty's dedication to the highest
22 standards of his profession has greatly benefited his fellow Texans
23 and earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers,
24 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he
25 embarks upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore,
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Major General
2 Gerald R. Betty on his retirement as commanding general of the Texas
3 State Guard and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for General Betty as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.