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H.R. No. 420

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John Hince of Bryan was elected as state commander  
2 of the American Legion for 2017-2018 at the 99th annual convention  
3 of the Legion's Department of Texas, which took place in Killeen on  
4 July 16, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Pennsylvania, John Hince earned a  
6 bachelor's degree as a distinguished military graduate of the  
7 Virginia Military Institute in 1968, and he entered active duty  
8 with the U.S. Army in June 1969; after completing the Infantry  
9 Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he received further  
10 training at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and Fort Rucker, Alabama; he  
11 served a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1970 to August 1971;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Returning stateside, Mr. Hince attended the  
14 Intelligence Officers Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and  
15 then served as executive officer of the Interrogation and Document  
16 Analysis Company of the 519th Intelligence Battalion at Fort Bragg,  
17 North Carolina; he received an honorable discharge in 1973 and  
18 embarked on a successful three-decade career in education, working  
19 as a teacher and administrator; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1994, Mr. Hince joined the American Legion as a  
21 member of Post 364 in Woodbridge, Virginia; after retiring to Bryan  
22 in 2005, he joined Earl Graham Post 159, where he has served as  
23 chaplain, adjutant, and first vice commander and twice as  
24 commander; from 2012 to 2014, he was 6th District commander, and

1 from 2014 to 2015, he was 2nd Division commander; he has also served  
2 on the 100th Anniversary, Long Range Planning, Finance and Budget,  
3 Resolution, and National Convention Delegation Committees, and he  
4 has been a member of the Post 159 board of trustees and the Post  
5 Honor Guard; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hince enjoys the active  
7 support of his wife, Gerry, a 31-year army veteran who retired at  
8 the rank of colonel; together, they raised three sons, the late John  
9 Hince Jr., Captain Matthew Hince of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and  
10 Captain Peter Hince of the U.S. Air Force; both Matthew and Peter  
11 are members of Post 159; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, John Hince has played a  
13 prominent role in the American Legion, earning the respect and  
14 admiration of his fellow members for his leadership and dedication,  
15 and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many achievements as he  
16 takes on the challenges and opportunities of his new statewide  
17 position; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate John Hince on  
20 his election as state commander of the American Legion, Department  
21 of Texas, and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
22 success in his important work; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mr. Hince as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
25 House of Representatives.