

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 569

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor Chuck Norris for his many contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Norris is one of the most recognized men in the nation because of the long and illustrious career he has built in the fields of martial arts, film and television, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, His interest in the martial arts began while he was serving in Korea with the United States Air Force; after his military service, he opened a chain of karate studios and competed in numerous martial arts tournaments; he won the first of multiple world middleweight karate championships in 1968 and successfully defended his title another five times; and

WHEREAS, He was encouraged by one of his celebrity karate students, Steve McQueen, to enter acting, and he brought his martial arts skills to the big screen to great acclaim; his iconic fight scene with Bruce Lee in *Way of the Dragon* launched his career as one of the world's leading action film stars; he went on to appear in such hit films as *Breaker! Breaker!*, *Missing in Action*, and *Code of Silence* before beginning work on the hit television series, *Walker, Texas Ranger*, which ran for eight seasons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norris has throughout his career been involved in numerous philanthropic efforts, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the United Way; in 1992, he founded Kickstart Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching children character through karate training in public schools; he is also a committed entrepreneur who has established a bottled water company, CForce, at an artesian aquifer source on his Lone Wolf Ranch in Grimes County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Chuck Norris on his many achievements and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate