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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Teresa Rangel is retiring as chief of community relations for the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss in October 2021, drawing to a close an exemplary career with the Public Affairs Office that has spanned nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Among her many responsibilities at the Fort Bliss installation in El Paso, Ms. Rangel conducts briefings for military personnel, coordinates press conferences for local, national, and international journalists, and manages crisis communications; moreover, she writes speeches for senior staff in both English and Spanish, serves as a Spanish spokesperson for television, radio, and print media, and supervises new employees; and

WHEREAS, A longtime senior communications specialist, Ms. Rangel has arranged interviews for such high-profile figures as the president of the United States and visits by U.S. secretaries of defense; additionally, she has traveled with former Iraq War prisoners of war as a public affairs escort, served as a garrison tour guide for international dignitaries, and promoted the professionalism and leadership of U.S. Army soldiers through a variety of community events; and

WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, Ms. Rangel is actively involved with a number of veterans organizations and has served on the Sun Bowl Association Board of Advisors since 2010; she has further distinguished herself as a member of the board of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, as president of AVVA Chapter No. 574, and as director of AVVA Region 7, and she has been honored as the AVVA National and Texas Associate Member of the Year; moreover, she has received numerous accolades over the course of her career, including four Special Act Awards from the Public Affairs Office, an Achievement Award for Civilian Service, and a Commanding General's Award for Civilian Service; she holds a bachelor's degree in communication-public relations from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Rangel's dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the mission of the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Teresa Rangel on her retirement as chief of community relations at Fort Bliss and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Rangel as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.