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H.R. No. 57

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Michael Lee Russell of
2 Magnolia is retiring from the Texas State Guard in September 2025,
3 drawing to a close an exceptional tenure with the Texas Military
4 Department's state defense force branch; and

5 WHEREAS, LTC Michael Russell has overseen Texas State Guard
6 training at Camp Mabry in Austin since 2024; a senior staff officer,
7 he is at the helm of a civil affairs battalion with three companies,
8 including at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston; he was
9 commander of the 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade from 2019 through 2023,
10 and he has been a medical brigade doctor and executive officer of
11 the 3rd Battalion, 6th Brigade; he deployed in support of Operation
12 Border Health Protection, and he led a successful operation during
13 the state's historical 2021 winter storm; his awards include the
14 Texas Medal of Merit, the Texas Humanitarian Service and Texas
15 Faithful Service Medals, and the Adjutant General's Individual
16 Award; and

17 WHEREAS, A licensed clinical neuropsychologist, Dr. Russell
18 retired as an army officer and psychologist after nearly a quarter
19 century of active-duty service; he served as the neuropsychology
20 consultant to the U.S. Army surgeon general and as the army's
21 expert on traumatic brain injury, and from 2014 through 2020, he
22 directed the Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War
23 Veterans in Waco; moreover, he was deputy surgeon for the Army
24 Training and Doctrine Command, director of the Army Medical Command

1 Suicide Prevention Office, commander of a combat support hospital,
2 and chief of psychology at Forts Bragg, Bliss, and Hood, and he has
3 served as a clinical psychologist with the Houston Police
4 Department; he received the Legion of Merit, and he is a
5 Distinguished Member of the Army Medical Regiment and a member of
6 the Order of Military Merit; in addition, he belongs to the American
7 Legion Post in Tomball and is a USO volunteer; and

8 WHEREAS, The dedication, professionalism, and devotion to
9 duty demonstrated by Michael Russell have greatly benefited the
10 citizens of the Lone Star State and earned him the respect and
11 admiration of his peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
12 outstanding record of service; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
14 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Lieutenant
15 Colonel Dr. Michael Lee Russell on his retirement from the Texas
16 State Guard and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
17 success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Lieutenant Colonel Russell as an expression of high
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.