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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the service of his nation has
2 drawn to a close with the death of retired U.S. Army Lieutenant
3 Colonel Kenneth Keith Barclay of Killeen on June 29, 2021, at the
4 age of 97; and

5 WHEREAS, "Scooter" Barclay was born in Spokane, Washington,
6 on May 2, 1924, to Kenneth and Alice Barclay, and he grew up with a
7 brother, Scott; after graduating from Hill Military Academy in
8 Portland, Oregon, in 1941, he attended Washington State University
9 for a year before joining the U.S. Army; during World War II, he
10 served with the famous Fighting 69th in the Pacific theater, where
11 he saw action at Makin and Saipan and as an acting platoon leader on
12 Okinawa; and

13 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Barclay completed his education
14 at Washington State University, and in 1949, he rejoined the army
15 and went on to serve in Germany, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, and
16 Thailand; he was a member of the Special Forces for more than 10
17 years, and he commanded Company A of the 1st Special Forces Group on
18 Okinawa, taught at the Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, and
19 served as principal trainer of the Royal Thai Army division
20 deployed to Vietnam; his numerous military honors included the
21 Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service
22 Medal; he retired in 1973 at the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

23 WHEREAS, In civilian life, Mr. Barclay was a successful
24 Realtor for many years; he was director and president of the Fort

1 Hood Area Association of Realtors, and he also served on many
2 communication committees and the MLS committee; throughout his
3 life, he remained proud of his military service, and he was active
4 with American Legion Post 223, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9192,
5 Veterans Corps 69th Regiment, and Chapter 77 of the Special Forces
6 Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Barclay shared a rewarding marriage with his
8 wife, Jacqueline Marie Barclay, until her death, and he was the
9 loving father of two children, Kenneth C. Barclay II and Melinda
10 Wyatt; with the passing years, he had the pleasure of welcoming into
11 his family five grandsons, Trent, Trace, Trever, Ryan, and the late
12 Kenneth Wyatt, as well as six great-grandchildren, Kinsley, Kade,
13 Emma, Anson, Valin, and Davin; and

14 WHEREAS, Scooter Barclay lived a rich and purposeful life
15 devoted to his family and his country, and he leaves behind a legacy
16 that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
20 of Kenneth Keith Barclay and extend heartfelt sympathy to his
21 family and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Scooter
25 Barclay.