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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a highly respected war correspondent and  
2 author drew to a close with the passing of Joe Galloway on  
3 August 18, 2021, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 13, 1941, in Refugio, Joseph Lee  
5 Galloway Jr. was the son of Joseph Galloway Sr. and Marian Dewvell  
6 Galloway; less than a month after his birth, the Japanese attack on  
7 Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II, and his  
8 father and many of his uncles joined the military; concern about  
9 their well-being colored his family life throughout his early  
10 childhood and influenced his later decision to become a wartime  
11 journalist; and

12 WHEREAS, After first being hired by *The Advocate* newspaper in  
13 Victoria at age 17, Mr. Galloway went to work for United Press  
14 International, and his foreign assignments for the company  
15 ultimately included postings to Japan, Indonesia, India,  
16 Singapore, and Russia; as the possibility of direct U.S. military  
17 intervention in Vietnam grew larger in the early 1960s, he made  
18 repeated requests to be transferred to the country; in April 1965,  
19 he got his wish, arriving in Saigon shortly after the first U.S.  
20 combat troops were deployed; and

21 WHEREAS, Thrust into a war zone as a young reporter,  
22 Mr. Galloway became both a firsthand witness and a participant in  
23 one of the war's major battles; during the four-day clash at Ia  
24 Drang in November 1965, he was embedded with the 1st Battalion, 7th

1 Cavalry Regiment, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Harold  
2 Moore; he armed himself as he accompanied the troops through the  
3 jungles of Vietnam's Central Highlands, and he would later be  
4 recognized with a Bronze Star with "V" device for his heroism in  
5 rescuing wounded soldiers under enemy fire; he was the only  
6 civilian to be awarded an army medal of valor for actions in combat  
7 during that conflict; and

8         WHEREAS, Though he grew disillusioned with the war,  
9 Mr. Galloway strove to report on the events that transpired with  
10 accuracy and objectivity, and he developed a deep sense of loyalty  
11 and appreciation for the soldiers who were risking their lives on  
12 the battlefield; the close friendship that he formed with Harold  
13 Moore, who was later promoted to the rank of lieutenant general,  
14 would lead to their collaboration on the book *We Were Soldiers*  
15 *Once . . . and Young*, which was published in 1992 and adapted into  
16 the film *We Were Soldiers*; the book drew on articles Mr. Galloway  
17 had authored on the Battle of Ia Drang for *U.S. News & World Report*,  
18 and his writing in that series was honored with a National Magazine  
19 Award in 1991; and

20         WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway and General Moore subsequently worked  
21 together on a sequel, *We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the*  
22 *Battlefields of Vietnam*, that was published in 2008; in the forward  
23 of that book, Mr. Galloway was hailed by General H. Norman  
24 Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces in the Persian Gulf War, as  
25 "the finest combat correspondent of our generation--a soldier's  
26 reporter and a soldier's friend"; and

27         WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway's journalism career also included

1 assignments for Knight Ridder Newspapers; in 2003, he was among a  
2 group of reporters with that company who challenged the George W.  
3 Bush administration about the information that was being used to  
4 justify the invasion of Iraq; this incident was later dramatized in  
5 the 2017 film *Shock and Awe*; an outspoken critic of war,  
6 Mr. Galloway was equally a steadfast supporter of American soldiers  
7 and veterans, who he believed deserved the full measure of funding  
8 that was needed to help them after they returned to their civilian  
9 lives; and

10 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Galloway enjoyed the love  
11 and support of his wife, Dr. Grace Lim Galloway; his family  
12 included two sons, Lee and Josh, and a stepdaughter, Li Mei, along  
13 with five grandchildren, Joaquin, Julian, Jemma, Connor, and Jae  
14 Li; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Galloway's career was defined by his deep  
16 empathy for the sacrifices made by military service members and his  
17 enduring dedication to journalistic integrity, and he leaves behind  
18 a remarkable legacy that will continue to be admired for years to  
19 come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
21 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
22 Joseph Lee Galloway Jr. and extend sincere condolences to his  
23 relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe  
27 Galloway.