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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 death of retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Herbert Lenvil
3 Critser of Midlothian on December 15, 2020, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Herb Critser was born in Miller, Missouri, on
5 September 10, 1928, to Vernon and Irma Critser, and he grew up with
6 three siblings, Glenn, Dorthy, and Bettye; he was educated in a
7 one-room schoolhouse that was built by his great-grandfather, and
8 he graduated from high school in Keenesburg, Colorado; and

9 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Critser
10 enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1948, at the age of 19, and over
11 the course of his 20-year military career, he served his country
12 through the conflicts of the Cold War, the Korean War, and the
13 Vietnam War; he flew a wide variety of aircraft, including B-25 and
14 B-29 bombers and KC-97 and C-141 military transport planes, and had
15 participated in 33 missions into Vietnam before retiring in 1968 at
16 the rank of master sergeant; his military awards included the Air
17 Force Commendation Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award, the National
18 Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal; and

19 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Critser settled in
20 New York, where he was employed by Celanese America and later by
21 Virginia Chemicals, which relocated to Dallas; continuing with the
22 company, Mr. Critser moved with his family to Midlothian in 1976,
23 and he retired in 1984; he cofounded the Fujikoki America company in
24 Dallas, where he worked until retiring again in 1996; skilled at

1 repairing and building mechanical items, he was also a prolific
2 inventor and the designer of rain barrel and garden irrigation
3 systems, an automobile timing light, and an attic stairs insulation
4 unit; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Critser and his wife, Antoinette, shared a
6 rewarding marriage that spanned 58 years, and they were blessed
7 with two children, Vernon and Kathy Jo, and three granddaughters,
8 Tamra, Monika, and Emily; and

9 WHEREAS, Admired for his courage, patriotism, and strong work
10 ethic, Herb Critser leaves behind a record of service that his loved
11 ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Herbert Lenvil
14 Critser and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Herb
19 Critser.