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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Carl Martin Holmes of Duncanville on
3 January 2, 2023, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of George and Minnie Holmes, Carl Holmes was
5 born in Meherrin, Virginia, on September 27, 1933; he graduated
6 from Lunenburg High School and Virginia Union University; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mr. Holmes embarked on a distinguished
8 24-year career with the U.S. Army; he completed two tours in the
9 Vietnam War, fighting with the 4th Infantry Division and the 1st
10 Signal Brigade; a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort
11 Bliss, he rose to the rank of command sergeant major, serving at
12 military installations across the U.S., Europe, and Southeast Asia;
13 ultimately, he was assigned to Fort Gordon, Georgia, as battalion
14 sergeant major, brigade sergeant major, and acting post sergeant
15 major; his awards included two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious
16 Service Medal, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his military retirement in 1978,
18 Mr. Holmes moved to Houston, where he joined the city's Department
19 of Aviation; initially serving as general manager of William P.
20 Hobby Airport, he was subsequently promoted to deputy director of
21 the Houston Airport System and oversaw operations for the George
22 Bush Intercontinental, William P. Hobby, and Ellington Airports; he
23 retired in 2002; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes shared 65 years with his beloved wife,

1 Ellen, and he took great pride in their children, Carl and Melissa,
2 and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; in his leisure
3 time, he enjoyed playing golf, traveling, and boating; he attended
4 the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in DeSoto, and he supported many
5 charities, including Disabled American Veterans; and

6 WHEREAS, While the death of Carl Martin Holmes brings great
7 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that
8 will long be treasured by those who held him dear; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carl Martin Holmes
12 and extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carl
17 Holmes.