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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 U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)
3 Richard Grimes Castle of Salado on December 1, 2022, at the age of
4 75; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Alfred and Adele Castle, Rich Castle was
6 born in Rochester, New York, on December 21, 1946, and he grew up
7 with two siblings, Edward and Charles; in 1958, he moved with his
8 family to Dayton, Ohio; he graduated from Oakwood High School and
9 received a business degree from Ohio University in 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Castle
11 completed U.S. Army basic training in 1969 and Officer Candidate
12 School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned as a
13 second lieutenant the following year; he subsequently transferred
14 to Fort Ord, California, and became a training officer, and in 1971
15 and 1972, he served overseas with Military Assistance Command Teams
16 Vietnam; next assigned to Fort Hood in Killeen, he rose to the rank
17 of captain, and he was later sent to Hawaii, where he became a major
18 and battalion executive officer; he next attended Command and
19 General Staff College before returning to Fort Hood; and

20 WHEREAS, While assigned to the 13th Corps Support Command at
21 Fort Hood, Mr. Castle met his future wife, Captain Deborah "Borah"
22 Van Dormolen; they exchanged wedding vows on December 18, 1987, and
23 shared more than a quarter century together before Mrs. Castle's
24 death in 2013; the couple moved to Germany, where Mr. Castle was

1 promoted to lieutenant colonel, and he retired at Fort Hood in 1991;
2 his military awards included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army
3 Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the
4 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Ribbon; and

5 WHEREAS, After settling in Salado, Mr. Castle went on to
6 cofound the ElectricChef grill company; he and his wife traveled to
7 Alaska, Canada, and Scotland to pursue their love of fly-fishing,
8 and they also made happy memories on a cruise to Australia;
9 Mr. Castle's other interests included cooking and cheering on the
10 Cleveland Browns and Ohio State football teams; known for his
11 generosity, he assisted others with their college loan debt and
12 housing needs, and he supported a number of charitable entities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Rich Castle earned the lasting respect and
15 admiration of all who were privileged to know him, and he leaves
16 behind a legacy that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of U.S. Army
20 Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Richard Grimes Castle and extend
21 heartfelt condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it
22 further

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