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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 passing of Dr. Arnold J. Morris Jr. of Arlington on April 11, 2023,
3 at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Arnold Morris Sr. and Evelyn Morris,
5 A. J. Morris was born in Archer City on November 12, 1945, and he
6 grew up with the companionship of two siblings, Burk and Julie; he
7 graduated from Archer City High School in 1964 and went on to attend
8 The University of Texas at Austin before enlisting in the U.S. Army
9 during the Vietnam War; over the course of his six years of service,
10 he earned the rank of captain and received a number of military
11 honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Bronze
12 Star Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam
13 Service Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Dr. Morris
15 earned his medical degree from The University of Texas Health
16 Science Center at San Antonio and subsequently embarked on a
17 rewarding career as a physician that spanned four decades, during
18 which he helped countless patients through his skilled and
19 compassionate care; active in his community, he was a member of
20 American Legion Post No. 198 and Archer Masonic Lodge No. 708; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Morris enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, Deborah, and he took great pride in his two
23 sons, Arnold J. and John; with the passing years, he had the
24 privilege of seeing his family grow to include three grandchildren,

1 Archer, Jett, and Hattie; he was known for his love of animals and
2 his dry sense of humor, and in his leisure time, he enjoyed keeping
3 up with the news; and

4 WHEREAS, Although A. J. Morris will be deeply missed, he has
5 left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
6 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Arnold J. Morris
9 Jr. and extend heartfelt condolences to all who mourn his passing;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
14 A. J. Morris.