

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of two distinguished careers--as a
2 soldier and as a man of letters--T. R. Fehrenbach has rendered
3 enormous service to his country and to his native state; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of a pioneer South Texas family, Mr.
5 Fehrenbach was born in San Benito, Texas, in 1925; he attended
6 schools in Texas and California and subsequently enrolled in
7 Princeton University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1947;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Fehrenbach saw combat during World War II and
10 again in the Korean War, rising from the rank of platoon sergeant to
11 that of company commander and battalion staff officer of the 72nd
12 Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; after retiring from active
13 service with the rank of lieutenant colonel, he continued to serve
14 in the Army Reserve as a major with an armor regiment; and

15 WHEREAS, Since the publication of his first book in 1961, Mr.
16 Fehrenbach has gained widespread renown as a historian,
17 commentator, and author; he is known especially for his books *Lone*
18 *Star: A History of Texas and the Texans*, which served as the basis
19 of a PBS miniseries, and *This Kind of War*, a classic military
20 account of the Korean War and required reading for all U.S. troops
21 stationed in South Korea; his works also include *Fire and Blood*, a
22 history of Mexico; *Comanches: The Destruction of a People*; *Texas:*
23 *A Salute from Above*; *The Battle of Anzio*; and *U.S. Marines in*
24 *Action*; and

1 WHEREAS, Altogether, this eminent Texan has published 18
2 nonfiction books and had his works translated into 10 different
3 languages, in addition to being assigned in university courses and
4 designated as club selections; moreover, he has contributed to such
5 periodicals as *Atlantic Monthly*, *Texas Monthly*, *Saturday Evening*
6 *Post*, and *The New Republic*, as well as numerous foreign newspapers
7 and magazines; he currently serves as a Sunday editorial columnist
8 for the *San Antonio Express-News*; and

9 WHEREAS, A trustee of the State History Museum Foundation,
10 Mr. Fehrenbach is also a former chair and three-term member of the
11 Texas Historical Commission (THC), which has made him a
12 commissioner emeritus; moreover, he has served on the Texas 2000
13 Commission and chaired the Texas Antiquities Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, In recognition of his extensive achievements, Mr.
15 Fehrenbach has been named a fellow of the Texas State Historical
16 Association, a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, and a
17 Knight of San Jacinto, the highest tribute conferred by the Sons of
18 the Republic of Texas; in addition, the THC has created the T. R.
19 Fehrenbach Book Award in his honor to encourage and celebrate
20 scholarly work in Texas history; on May 22, 2002, Mr. Fehrenbach
21 received commendation for his work in military history at a special
22 awards ceremony at the Pentagon, and that evening he served as
23 reviewing official for a Twilight Tattoo at the Ellipse on the
24 grounds of the White House; and

25 WHEREAS, After an outstanding career in the armed services of
26 his country, T. R. Fehrenbach has established himself as one of the
27 most highly regarded historians of Texas and the American military,

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1 and it is a pleasure to recognize his tremendous contributions to
2 this nation and the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor T. R. Fehrenbach for his exceptional
5 lifetime achievements and extend to him its deep appreciation for
6 his extensive efforts to preserve and interpret the heritage of
7 this state; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Fehrenbach as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House