

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a beloved citizen and
2 courageous patriot when Roy Alan Bracher of Spring Branch passed
3 away on March 9, 2003, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bracher was born in Austin on April 14, 1920; he
5 attended Texas A&M University but left in his senior year to answer
6 his country's call to duty during World War II, and he continued his
7 service through the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, A civil engineer, Mr. Bracher served as a captain in
9 the United States Army; he landed at Normandy on D-Day +3 with the
10 376th Engineer Airborne Battalion and worked on the construction of
11 the first airstrip to be used by the Allied Forces and on succeeding
12 landing strips behind the retreating German lines; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Bracher witnessed the atrocities at the Dachau
14 concentration camp; he wrote to his mother about his experiences,
15 and his letter is now on display at the Holocaust Museum in Houston;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, After settling in Spring Branch, Mr. Bracher raised
18 a family and built homes in the community; he owned Bracher
19 Construction Company, which constructed streets and bridges for the
20 City of Houston, and his residential rental properties continue to
21 provide affordable housing for low-income and middle-income
22 families; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Bracher was a former member of the Heights
24 Rotary Club and a valued and respected member of his community; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his service to his country, his dedication
2 to his family, and the myriad contributions he made toward the
3 betterment of the lives of his fellow Texans, Mr. Bracher left an
4 enduring legacy enshrined in the hearts of those individuals who
5 were fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Roy Alan
8 Bracher and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
9 to his wife, Fay; to his children and their spouses, Roy Alan and
10 Shelly Bracher, Linda and Jeffrey Lehmann, Lanelle and Ronnie
11 Simms, Philip and Rosalind Belitsky, Irwin Belitsky, and Ralph
12 Belitsky; to his grandchildren, Lora Bergeron, Lindsay Janek, Lisa
13 Sweitzer, Cody Alan and Caitlyn Renee Bracher, and Catherine
14 Alexis, Lorraine, Michael, Matthew, and Melissa Belitsky; to his
15 three great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many
16 friends; and, be it further

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

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

H.R. No. 487

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 487 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 13, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House