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H.R. No. 487

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.