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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of retired Army Brigadier
2 General Lillian Dunlap of San Antonio were deeply saddened by the
3 passing of this esteemed clinician, administrator, and educator on
4 April 3, 2003, at the age of 81; and

5 WHEREAS, General Dunlap was born in Mission, and her family
6 moved to San Antonio when she was six months old; a 1938 graduate of
7 Jefferson High School, she was a senior at the Santa Rosa Hospital
8 Nursing School when Pearl Harbor was attacked; joining the army in
9 1942, General Dunlap was sent to the Pacific Theater as a second
10 lieutenant, and her valorous service included missions with the
11 362nd Station Hospital in New Guinea and the 59th Station Hospital
12 in the Philippines; and

13 WHEREAS, After earning her bachelor of science degree in
14 nursing from Incarnate Word College in 1953, General Dunlap was
15 stationed in Europe; during the Vietnam War, she served at the
16 600-bed army hospital in Okinawa and later was chief nurse at the
17 Walter Reed Army Medical Center; among her military awards were the
18 Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the
19 Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; and

20 WHEREAS, The first Texas woman promoted to the rank of
21 general in the U.S. Army, General Dunlap was selected in 1971 by
22 President Nixon to be the second female general ever to head the
23 Army Nurse Corps; she continued her sterling tenure of service
24 until retiring in 1975; and

1 WHEREAS, Returning to San Antonio, General Dunlap embarked on
2 a vigorous life of civic service; she made numerous contributions
3 through her involvement with the Texas Governor's Commission for
4 Women, the American Association of University Women, and the
5 Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program; she also gave of her time
6 to the University of the Incarnate Word, serving on the board of
7 trustees and on the nursing advisory board; and

8 WHEREAS, General Dunlap continued to benefit her profession;
9 president of the Phi Lambda Chi nursing sorority, she was the
10 founder and 24-year president of the Army Medical Department Museum
11 at Fort Sam Houston; she served as chairperson to the nursing
12 section of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United
13 States and devoted herself to being active in the Texas Hospital
14 Association Education and Research Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, The deserving recipient of numerous accolades
16 throughout the years, General Dunlap was inducted into the Texas
17 Women's Hall of Fame by Governor Bill Clements in 1987 and was
18 honored by the Brooke Army Medical Center with the establishment of
19 the B.G. Lillian Dunlap Excellence in Nursing Award; named an
20 Honorary Fellow by the American Academy of Nursing, General Dunlap
21 received the H.E.R.O. award by the San Antonio Visiting Nurses
22 Association, and she had a San Antonio river barge, called "The
23 General Lil," named after her; and

24 WHEREAS, During her life, General Dunlap made a positive
25 impression on the world, and her legacy of good work will endure to
26 benefit future generations of her fellow citizens; at this time, it
27 is most appropriate to pay homage to this distinguished Texan; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Brigadier General
4 Lillian Dunlap and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
5 family: to her sisters, Carolyn Putnam, Dorothy Mount, and Mary
6 Bess Autry, and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brigadier
11 General Lillian Dunlap.