

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Colonel Homer W. Lear of San Antonio has devoted  
2 more than 25 years to serving his country and protecting his fellow  
3 Americans, and he is most deserving of recognition for his longtime  
4 service; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Oak Hill, Kansas, on August 12, 1920,  
6 Colonel Lear was accepted into the aviation cadet program after  
7 attending two years of college; he received his commission and  
8 pilot rating at Kelly Field on August 15, 1941; and

9           WHEREAS, Colonel Lear's two years in training command and his  
10 additional time spent in the B-17 and B-29 aircraft qualified him as  
11 an aircraft commander in the 19th Bomb Group on Guam; at the  
12 conclusion of World War II, he embarked on a career in which he  
13 alternated between the strategic air command and service at the  
14 Pentagon; and

15           WHEREAS, Among his more memorable experiences was the  
16 opportunity to serve as personal escort to Charles Lindbergh during  
17 the legendary aviator's visit to strategic air command bases;  
18 Colonel Lear is also proud of his role in activating the first  
19 "boom" type air-to-air refueling unit while stationed at Biggs Air  
20 Force Base in 1949; and

21           WHEREAS, Colonel Lear's service in the military earned him  
22 numerous awards, including the Air Force Commendation Medal and the  
23 Legion of Merit, as well as exceptional experience on which to draw  
24 for his second career; after retiring from the air force in 1968, he

1 held executive positions with the Weyerhaeuser Company and the  
2 International Executive Service Corps; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Colonel Lear enjoys spending time with his  
4 high school sweetheart and wife of 60 years, Mary Jane; together  
5 they have been blessed with two children, Steve and Rebecca, and  
6 five grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Homer W. Lear is a patriotic American whose  
8 dedicated and exemplary service to this country will long be  
9 remembered; his courage and integrity make him a true role model for  
10 Texans, and he is indeed deserving of high praise; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Homer W. Lear for his service to  
14 the citizens of the United States and extend to him best wishes for  
15 happiness and continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Colonel Lear as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1042

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1042 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House