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H.R. No. 1105

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Chief Master Sergeant
2 Stephen Dean Vollbrecht, United States Air Force (Ret.), on March
3 1, 2002, at the age of 50, has brought a profoundly felt loss to his
4 many friends and relatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Sergeant Vollbrecht was
6 educated at Southwest Texas State University, where he earned his
7 bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary management, and Webster
8 University, where he completed his master's degree in management;
9 a distinguished graduate of the NCO Academy and the NCO Leadership
10 School, he also held specialized military associate's degrees in
11 both personnel administration and emergency medical technology;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Vollbrecht embarked on his notable 29-year
14 career in the United States Air Force in 1971; he completed tours of
15 duty in Alaska, Hawaii, Michigan, and Texas, as well as in Germany,
16 Cuba, the Marshall Islands, and the Netherlands, earning the
17 respect and admiration of officers and enlisted corps alike; and

18 WHEREAS, In recognition for his exemplary work in providing
19 medical and operational leadership for the United States armed
20 forces, Sergeant Vollbrecht was awarded the National Defense
21 Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force
22 Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal and was
23 twice honored with the Humanitarian Service Medal; over the course
24 of his distinguished career he was named First Sergeant of the Year

1 by the Aerospace Medical Division, as well as by both Wilford Hall
2 and Randolph Air Force Base; and

3 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know this fine officer
4 will not quickly forget the honesty, fairness, and integrity he
5 brought to every facet of his life, and although his presence is
6 gone from us now, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts
7 of all those whose lives he touched during his years on this earth;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chief Master Sergeant
11 Stephen D. Vollbrecht and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
12 his family: to his wife, Doreen Culbertson Vollbrecht; to his sons
13 and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Lori Vollbrecht and David and
14 Kristin Vollbrecht; to his grandsons, Evan and Connor Vollbrecht;
15 to his granddaughter, Maia Vollbrecht; to his father, Herbert
16 Vollbrecht; to his brother, Frank Vollbrecht; to his sister, Sharon
17 Olson; to his greatest friend and colleague, Milton Robert Fields
18 III; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chief
22 Master Sergeant Stephen Dean Vollbrecht.