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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel John Robert Wallace celebrated  
2 his 60th birthday on May 13, 2003, and it is indeed appropriate to  
3 recognize him on this momentous occasion; and

4 WHEREAS, Born May 13, 1943, Colonel Wallace attended East  
5 Texas Baptist College on a basketball scholarship and graduated in  
6 the spring of 1967; he joined the air force in October of that year  
7 and served his country for more than 22 years, retiring in May 1989;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Wallace earned the nickname "Barrier Bob"  
10 after missing the runway in flight school; that moniker  
11 notwithstanding, he capably piloted B-52s and T-38s while stationed  
12 in Bangkok, Thailand, and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During his career, he was stationed at Grand Fork  
15 Air Force Base in North Dakota, Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha,  
16 Nebraska, Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, and  
17 Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to his country and to his wife, Cathy, whom  
19 he married on April 27, 1974, Colonel Wallace spends free time  
20 pursuing his hobbies, which include woodworking, hunting, fishing,  
21 and camping; and

22 WHEREAS, "Barrier Bob" Wallace is a true patriot and a man of  
23 integrity and honor, and it is a pleasure to join in paying tribute  
24 to him as he begins his seventh decade; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby honor Lieutenant Colonel John Robert Wallace on  
3   the occasion of his 60th birthday and extend to him best wishes for  
4   continued success and happiness; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6   prepared for Colonel Wallace as an expression of high regard by the  
7   Texas House of Representatives.