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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the 40th anniversary of the
2 death of U.S. Air Force Major Arthur Dale Baker, a courageous Texan
3 who was killed while serving his country in Vietnam; and

4 WHEREAS, Major Baker was flying a mission out of Bien Hoa Air
5 Base in South Vietnam on April 7, 1965, when the Canberra B-57 he
6 navigated was shot down over Laos; for many years his status was
7 listed as missing in action; in 1997, the remains of his plane were
8 uncovered, and in 2005, the identity of this valiant soldier was
9 finally confirmed; and

10 WHEREAS, A member of Pittsburg High School's 1951 graduating
11 class, Major Baker joined the Air Force in 1960; devoted to his
12 family and country, he impressed all who knew him as a man of
13 exemplary dedication and courage; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military
15 personnel, whose brave and steadfast efforts have long secured this
16 nation's treasured freedom; through his dedication to duty, honor,
17 and his country, Major Arthur Dale Baker embodied the highest
18 ideals of the United States armed forces, and the State of Texas and
19 the nation mourn the loss of a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice
20 in his country's behalf and whose life was a blessing to all who
21 were privileged to share in his love and friendship; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 U.S. Air Force Major Arthur Dale Baker; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
4 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Air
5 Force Major Arthur Dale Baker.