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H.R. No. 30

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Bill Hollowell of Grand Saline truly
2 merits special legislative recognition for his years of outstanding
3 service to the State of Texas and to his country; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1928, this native Texan graduated from Grand
5 Saline High School and earned a bachelor's degree from East Texas
6 Baptist University in 1947 and a law degree from Baylor University
7 in 1951; a lifelong learner, Mr. Hollowell has undertaken
8 additional academic studies throughout his career, earning a master
9 of laws degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1967, a
10 second bachelor of science degree from the University of the State
11 of New York Regents College in 1986 and, as recently as 1999, a
12 bachelor of arts degree from Thomas A. Edison State College in
13 Trenton, New Jersey; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell began his exemplary military career in
15 1948 when he enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard, performing
16 duty with both the 36th Infantry and 49th Armored Divisions; in
17 1951, he transferred to the 181st Fighter Squadron of the Texas Air
18 National Guard and the following year was commissioned a second
19 lieutenant; he was appointed state judge advocate of the Texas Army
20 and Air National Guard and State Guard in 1963, a position he held
21 for five years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell was assigned as deputy chief of staff
23 at Camp Mabry in 1974, where he assisted in the overall supervision
24 of combat readiness training and operations of all units of the

1 Texas Air National Guard; he was federally recognized as a
2 brigadier general in 1977, a major general in 1981, and a brevet
3 lieutenant general in 1987, and his many military decorations and
4 awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Air
5 Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal; after
6 his last assignment as Air National Guard assistant to the director
7 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Major General Hollowell
8 became a member of the U.S. Air Force Retired Reserve; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Hollowell began his distinguished
10 tenure in the Texas House of Representatives, where he served until
11 1967 and again from 1973 to 1991 for a total of 14 terms and 28
12 years; he served as chair of the Public Lands and Buildings, State
13 Affairs, General Investigating, and House Ethics Committees and
14 authored four constitutional amendments and numerous bills;
15 serving on the Legislative Budget Board, the Joint Conference
16 Committee on Appropriations, the Texas Legislative Council, and,
17 for one term, as Speaker Pro Tempore of the house, he was Dean of the
18 House when he retired in 1991; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Hollowell has served as legal
20 advisor to the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, director
21 of hearings and enforcement for the Texas Water Quality Board,
22 instructor of government at Henderson County Junior College, and
23 delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention; since his
24 retirement from the legislature in 1991, he has conducted a
25 successful private law practice and worked for Congressman Ralph M.
26 Hall in Washington, D.C.; and

27 WHEREAS, The myriad accomplishments of this remarkable Texan

1 in the military, legislative, legal, and academic arenas are
2 innumerable, and it is truly a pleasure to recognize his
3 outstanding professional achievements and contributions to the
4 State of Texas and to the country; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 5th Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Bill
7 Hollowell on his many years of public service and that he be
8 extended sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for former State Representative Bill Hollowell as an
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.