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H.R. No. 654

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 C. M. Kahl of Marfa, who passed from this life on May 30, 2004, at
4 the age of 82; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Herminia and Fred Kahl on September 2, 1921,
6 in Radcliffe, Iowa, Fritz Kahl enlisted in the Army Air Corps in
7 1941 and became a flight instructor at the Marfa Air Base, attaining
8 the rank of first lieutenant; his love for flying led him to such
9 faraway destinations as Poland, where he was a crew member for the
10 U.S. National Soaring Team, and he also organized national and
11 international soaring contests back home in Marfa; and

12 WHEREAS, Manager of Presidio County's airport for 25 years,
13 Mr. Kahl enjoyed a varied and successful career that included
14 experience as a rancher, flight instructor, and weather expert, in
15 which capacity he reported statistics to the National Weather
16 Service six times a day for 20 years; moreover, he was responsible
17 for securing the contract for the Aerostat site in the county; and

18 WHEREAS, Equally laudable were Mr. Kahl's civic
19 involvements; Marfa's mayor for three terms and a city
20 commissioner, he further gave of his time and talents to serve the
21 community as its representative to the Council of Governments, as a
22 member of the Board of Visitors at McDonald Observatory, and as a
23 director of the Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Company; in addition,
24 he volunteered with Meals on Wheels and was a former president of

1 the chamber of commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Bloys Camp
2 Meeting, as well as the organizer and chairman of the Presidio
3 County Hospital Board, and co-chair of the Marfa Centennial
4 Celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of diverse talents and interests, Mr. Kahl was
6 featured on an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" talking about the
7 Marfa Lights phenomenon, and he also enjoyed acting in local
8 theater productions and attending reunions with fellow veterans he
9 served with at the base; and

10 WHEREAS, Those fortunate to have known Fritz Kahl will
11 remember his zest for life and his love of family and community, and
12 although he will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on in the
13 hearts of the many people whose lives he so richly blessed with his
14 friendship; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of C. M. Kahl and extend
17 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Georgie
18 Lee Jones Kahl; to his daughters, Jan Van Eman and her husband,
19 Charky, and Gail Cinelli and her husband, Peter; to his
20 grandchildren, Bill and Murray Van Eman and Erin and Cristina
21 Cinelli; to his brother, Everett Kahl; and to his other relatives
22 and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
25 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of C. M.
26 Kahl.