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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times, loving
2 moments, and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and
3 friends of photojournalist and commercial photographer Maurice
4 Miller of Austin, who passed away on December 13, 2004, at the age
5 of 84; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in San Francisco on July 1, 1920, Mr. Miller
7 served with the U.S. Army 84th Infantry during World War II,
8 documenting the Allied advance, including the Battle of the Bulge
9 and the liberation of Jews from Nazi concentration camps; his
10 duties also included flying reconnaissance photography missions
11 over enemy lines to provide intelligence and to document the
12 progress of the Allies; and

13 WHEREAS, When the war ended, Mr. Miller came to Houston,
14 where he was employed with the *Houston Post* for eight years,
15 including five years as chief photographer; known for his
16 photographic exploration of humanity, Mr. Miller worked as a
17 stringer for *Time* and *Life* magazines and the Black Star photo agency
18 and was a contributor to numerous other publications, including the
19 *Saturday Evening Post*, *Collier's Business Week*, *Architectural*
20 *Forum*, *Arts and Architecture*, and *Parade Magazine*; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was a widower who cared for his two
22 children while studying at the University of Houston and working
23 full-time; in the 1960s, he was a staff photographer in the
24 architecture department of Rice University as well as for the

1 Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the Houston Contemporary Arts
2 Museum, and the University of St. Thomas; he later opened his own
3 freelance commercial business; and

4 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades for his
5 photography, Mr. Miller won awards for spot news and feature photos
6 from the Associated Press and earned honors from *People Magazine*,
7 the Groller Society, and the National Press Photographer's
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, This devoted father, talented photographer, and
10 cherished friend led a life rich in significance and achievement,
11 and his spirit will continue to live in the hearts of those who were
12 fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Maurice Miller and
15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
16 daughter, Marsha Miller; to his son, Mark Miller; to his grandson,
17 Matt Miller; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
18 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 Maurice
22 Miller.