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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Colonel Clayborne Edwin
2 Kruckemeyer on January 20, 2005, at the age of 76, the world has
3 lost an accomplished military man, a devoted husband and father,
4 and a vital and valued member of his community, and we join his
5 family and friends in mourning their loss; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Clay Kruckemeyer dedicated
7 his professional life to the service of his country, beginning with
8 his work as a small arms technician in the U.S. Infantry in 1947 and
9 culminating with the receipt of his commission as a colonel in the
10 U.S. Air Force; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished career, he
12 served in 9 different commands and 14 foreign countries, in
13 positions including B-29 tail gunner, flight chief, first sergeant,
14 adjutant, squadron commander, group commander, base commander,
15 command operations and plans officer, and in labor negotiations
16 management; and

17 WHEREAS, The recipient of 14 awards for meritorious service,
18 Colonel Kruckemeyer was held in high esteem by his military
19 colleagues, as evidenced by the 149th Fighter Group's establishment
20 of the Clayborne E. Kruckemeyer Award, bestowed annually on the
21 member of the unit who demonstrates the greatest administrative
22 aptitude; and

23 WHEREAS, A resident of Mason since 1994, Colonel Kruckemeyer
24 was well known in his adopted hometown, serving on the Mason

1 Planning and Zoning Commission and as president of the Chamber of
2 Commerce, in addition to supervising the restoration of the
3 Kothmann Community School and chairing the Young at Heart
4 fundraiser for six years; and

5 WHEREAS, He was also a welcome presence at First United
6 Methodist Church, where he served as head usher, member of the
7 Worship Committee, and chairman of the Administrative Board; and

8 WHEREAS, His passing is cause for deep sadness, but Colonel
9 Kruckemeyer's spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all
10 who knew him, and it is indeed fitting to remember and honor him for
11 his exceptional accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Colonel Clayborne
14 Edwin Kruckemeyer and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his wife of 52 years, Rose Mary Kruckemeyer; to his
16 children and their spouses, David Clay and Renea Kruckemeyer,
17 Jeffrey Clay and Dawn McCurdy; Cheryl Ann and Brad Glass; and Kathy
18 Jean and Bill Potter; to his grandchildren, Kimberly Brantly,
19 Dustin McCurdy, Robin Rene Parker, Chelsea Dawn Parker, Matthew
20 Kyle Potter, and Daniel Scott Potter; to his great-grandchildren,
21 Sierra and Cheyenne Brantly and Caden McCurdy; and to his other
22 family members and many 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 Colonel
26 Clayborne Edwin Kruckemeyer.