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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Lufkin lost a beloved neighbor, friend,
2 and civic leader on May 17, 2005, with the passing of Colonel
3 Vardaman F. Johnson at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Colonel Johnson was
5 born in Nacogdoches County and graduated with honors from Texas A&M
6 University, where he was squadron commander of the Corps of Cadets
7 in his senior year; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1958, this brave Texan joined the United States
9 Air Force, and his lengthy military career was full of many
10 remarkable accomplishments; he served as comptroller for a
11 Department of Defense agency with a budget of more than \$4 billion,
12 was commander of an air force wing responsible for two air force
13 bases, and flew 158 combat missions in Vietnam; and

14 WHEREAS, His steadfast courage and dedication earned Colonel
15 Johnson a host of accolades, including the Defense Superior
16 Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross,
17 the Bronze Star Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, After nearly three decades of service Colonel
19 Johnson left the military and began a successful career in the
20 banking industry, retiring from Lufkin National Bank in 1994; and

21 WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer in his community, he was a
22 longtime member and past president of the Lufkin Rotary Club,
23 lending his time to a host of the group's committees, holding the
24 position of district governor, and representing District 5910 at

1 the 2001 and 2005 Council on Legislation; in addition, he worked on
2 the boards of SFA Friends of Music, Boys and Girls Club of Deep East
3 Texas, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, and Pinecrest
4 Retirement Community, to name but a few; and

5 WHEREAS, This valued member of First United Methodist Church
6 in Lufkin served the congregation as lay leader, chairman of the
7 Council on Ministry, treasurer, building committee chairman,
8 Sunday school teacher, and member of the Administrative Council;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Colonel Johnson was a devoted family man as well; he
11 shared 47 years with his beloved wife, LaNell, and embraced his role
12 of father and grandfather; and

13 WHEREAS, The life of Vardaman Johnson was a blessing to
14 countless individuals, and his concern for others and commitment to
15 his loved ones and community will not soon be forgotten by those who
16 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor the life of Colonel Vardaman F. Johnson
19 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
20 wife, LaNell Harris Johnson; to his son, Mark Alan Johnson; to his
21 daughter, Vicki Lynne Tuegel and her husband, Greg; to his
22 grandchildren, Travis Clark and Andrew, Amy, and Elizabeth Tuegel;
23 to his sisters, Patsy Klein and her husband, Barney, Wadean Hoover
24 and her husband, Gerry, Mattie Collins and her husband, Wayne, and
25 Julia Baumann and her husband, Mike; to his brother, Mac Johnson and
26 his wife, Maxine; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
27 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Colonel
4 Vardaman F. Johnson.