

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 533

In Memory
of
Richard Alan Reeder

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of Richard Alan Reeder, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Air Force, Retired, who passed away on February 22, 2005, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 1, 1942, in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Reeder graduated from Beaver Falls High School and Dickinson College before entering the United States Air Force in 1964; he served tours of duty at air force bases in Abilene, Dayton, Vietnam, and Germany, and also at SAC Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, Design Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Pentagon, and USAFE Headquarters in Ramstein, Germany; he retired from the air force in 1991 with numerous military awards, including the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal with four devices; and

WHEREAS, While Mr. Reeder traveled the globe as a military officer, he nurtured his love of learning by continuing his education and earning multiple degrees in liberal arts, history, economics, art history, management, business, logistic management, German history and language, and at the time of his death, he was completing a program in American history; following his retirement, he and his beloved wife, Margo, settled in Ballinger, where he was employed as a high school teacher for 10 years; honored by the student council as its Teacher of the Year during his tenure, he was also selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished gentleman was a member of countless boards and committees in the communities where he lived, volunteering for the Boy Scouts, church organizations and choirs, bluegrass music foundations, youth soccer, museums, opera foundations, and other cultural groups; for his tireless service, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, A devoted Christian and member of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Coleman, Mr. Reeder was also an avid sports fan and thoughtful scholar; he loved art, music, food, traveling, and dancing, and he believed two events should be cherished and never missed: high school graduations and weddings; and

WHEREAS, Dick Reeder was a devoted family man who was known for his integrity and humility, and he will be deeply missed by all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Alan Reeder, Lieutenant Colonel United States Air Force,

Retired, and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife, Margo Brunson Reeder; his mother, Aletha Helble Reeder; his sons, Richard Anthony Reeder and his wife, Lori, and Thomas Zachary Reeder and his wife, Darla; his grandchildren, Jacob, James, Jonah, Aubrey, Noah, and Taylor; his sister-in-law, Shari Buchannan and her husband, Phillip; his brothers-in-law, Bill Damaska, Kirk Brunson and his wife, Barbara, Jerry Brunson and his wife, Diane, Glenn Brunson and his wife, Jolene, Stephen Brunson and his wife, Joann, and Tom Brunson and his wife, Tina; his dear friends, Mike and Ginny Todd, Daniel Nukala, and Johnny and Jeannine Duckworth; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard Alan Reeder.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate