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H.C.R. No. 88

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, In June 1972, the 62nd Texas Legislature designated  
2 the Commemorative Air Force, now based in Midland, as the official  
3 Air Force of the State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in 1957, when a small  
5 group of former military pilots joined together to purchase a World  
6 War II-era fighter aircraft, the Commemorative Air Force has grown  
7 to be an international organization, with members in all 50 states  
8 and in 28 foreign countries; the CAF operates the eighth largest air  
9 force in the world and has achieved worldwide renown as an  
10 ambassador of goodwill; and

11           WHEREAS, Dedicated to acquiring and restoring to flying  
12 condition the historic military aircraft of World War II, including  
13 the world's only flying examples of the B-29 and SB2C, the CAF  
14 preserves the vintage combat aircraft in its fleet as a vivid  
15 reminder of the tremendous cost required to maintain peace and  
16 ensure liberty and justice for all; and

17           WHEREAS, On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the  
18 Commemorative Air Force, as we continue to seek peace and harmony  
19 among nations, those magnificently restored military machines  
20 serve as a particularly fitting reminder of the price of freedom and  
21 as a monument to the military personnel who have advanced the cause  
22 of liberty throughout our country's history; and

23           WHEREAS, In meeting the complex challenges of the world  
24 today, it is vital that our citizenry remember the lessons of the

1 past, and the Commemorative Air Force is making a crucial  
2 contribution to that end through its work in preserving the  
3 military aviation history of World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are proud of the Commemorative Air  
5 Force, which has so ably represented this great state and which has  
6 educated and inspired legions of citizens through its outstanding  
7 air shows, seminars, and museum; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby honor the Commemorative Air Force on the 50th anniversary of  
10 its founding and recognize this patriotic organization as a  
11 defender of Texas honor and pride; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the Commemorative Air Force as an expression of high  
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.