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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of John B.
2 King of Rockwall, who passed away on December 22, 2006, at the age
3 of 66, bringing to a close an exemplary life of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, John King was born in 1940 in Kenedy; while growing
5 up, he learned the importance of hard work and determination from
6 his father, J. T. King, who later served as the head football coach
7 and athletic director at Texas Tech University; after completing
8 high school, John King, likewise, spent time at Texas Tech,
9 graduating in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in industrial
10 management; and

11 WHEREAS, Answering the call of his country, Mr. King began a
12 long and highly decorated career in the United States Air Force;
13 trained as a pilot on the RF-4 Phantom aircraft, the leading fighter
14 jet of its day, he served first in Vietnam and later carried out a
15 variety of assignments, specializing in air reconnaissance;
16 clocking more than 6,000 hours of flying time, this accomplished
17 aviator flew many top secret intelligence missions whose results
18 were often reported directly to the president of the United States;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 1989, Lieutenant Colonel King assumed command of
21 Detachment 2 of the 2762d Logistics Squadron at E-Systems based in
22 Greenville, a post he held until his retirement in 1993; during his
23 distinguished 29-year military career, he received numerous
24 commendations, including the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying

1 Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters,
2 the Air Medal with 23 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation
3 Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit
4 Citation; and

5 WHEREAS, Following his impressive tenure in the military, he
6 became a civic leader in the town of Rockwall, serving on the
7 Planning and Zoning Commission and the Economic Development
8 Corporation and as president of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club;
9 he was a member of the Rockwall City Council for seven years, where
10 his reputation for integrity, compassion, eloquence, and calmness
11 earned him the nickname of "the wise one"; and

12 WHEREAS, John King was a devoted family man and a positive
13 role model for his children and grandchildren; this respected
14 gentleman also inspired many others in the course of his productive
15 life, and his dedicated service to his country and local community
16 will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor the life of John B. King and offer sincere
19 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Marilyn King;
20 to his son, Jim King, and his wife, Anne Marie; to his daughter,
21 Melinda Roberts, and her fiance, Joseph Crisp; to his mother, Beth
22 King; to his brothers, Chuck and Robert King; to his sister,
23 Elizabeth Griess; to his grandchildren, John and Gracie King; and
24 to his other relatives and friends; and, 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 John B.
4 King.