

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 commendations, including the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying  
2 Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters,  
3 the Air Medal with 23 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation  
4 Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit  
5 Citation; and

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

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

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

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 281 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House