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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
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.