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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert M. Bricker, Jr., of Liberty exhibited heroism
2 and extraordinary courage while participating in aerial combat
3 during World War II, and his distinguished service has been honored
4 with the Distinguished Flying Cross from the United States Air
5 Force, which was awarded to this brave airman on January 27, 2007;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Robert M. Bricker, Jr., received
8 this honor for performing his duties as a navigator in a B-24
9 Liberator heavy bomber in July 1944; his exemplary knowledge and
10 outstanding airmanship were integral to the success and the
11 survival of his crew in over 250 hours of combat flying, involving
12 50 missions over enemy-occupied Europe; and

13 WHEREAS, Demonstrating outstanding proficiency and
14 unwavering devotion to duty, Lieutenant Bricker was responsible for
15 multiple tasks during his missions; in addition to acting as
16 navigator, he was charged with administering first aid to his crew
17 during combat; he was also a first-aid instructor and taught
18 courses in magnetism as a basis for understanding aircraft
19 instruments; and

20 WHEREAS, This brave Texan previously received a number of
21 official commendations for his service during World War II,
22 including the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, four Bronze
23 Battle Stars, and the Distinguished Unit Badge; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe an incalculable debt to the nation's

1 military personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this
2 country's history and whose efforts and sacrifice have insured both
3 our safety and our freedom; Robert Bricker's illustrious service
4 during World War II was in keeping with the highest standards of the
5 United States Armed Forces, and he is most deserving of this
6 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert M. Bricker, Jr., for his
9 receipt of the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend sincere thanks
10 to him for serving his country during World War II; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Bricker as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.