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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A bronze marker in Corinth Cemetery in Cass County  
2 is being dedicated in May 2007 to honor a valorous Texan, U.S. Army  
3 Air Corps Second Lieutenant Ernest Paul Kirkland, who was killed  
4 while serving this nation during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on March 9, 1925, Lieutenant Kirkland was the  
6 only child of Jay and Vida Kirkland; he answered his country's call  
7 to arms and served his fellow citizens with distinction as a pilot;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, His plane, a Bomber A20 Havoc, went down over the  
10 Southwest Pacific on March 9, 1945, his 20th birthday, and his  
11 tragic death left behind a loving family and numerous friends to  
12 cherish his memory; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Kirkland possessed the courage and  
14 initiative that defined the finest members of his generation, and  
15 the Corinth Cemetery marker is a fitting tribute to this brave  
16 Texan's gift of his life for his country; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay posthumous tribute to U.S. Army Air Corps  
19 Second Lieutenant Ernest Paul Kirkland and honor his valiant  
20 military service during World War II; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of U.S. Army  
24 Air Corps Second Lieutenant Ernest Paul Kirkland.