

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1197

**WHEREAS**, On May 13, 1915, Richard Louis Randolph first entered this world, and the members of this chamber would like to congratulate him on the anniversary of this occasion, since it was through no fault of his own that this significant event occurred in Kingsburg, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Although a native Californian, Richard Randolph retains considerable ties to the Lone Star State; one of his maternal relatives was among the defenders of the Alamo, and after the War Between the States, his maternal grandparents migrated from a plantation in the Deep South to a cattle ranch in Fannin County, where the community of Randolph, Texas, stands today as testament to the family's deep roots in the Blackland Prairie; and

**WHEREAS**, Fannin County was where the marriage of his maternal grandparents, Lewis W. Lindley and Adelaide Corzine, took place in 1879, and was the birthplace of his mother, Lucy Ann Lindley; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Randolph began an illustrious 27-year military career by joining the Army Air Corps Flying Cadet program in 1939; he was stationed at Randolph Field and Kelly Field in San Antonio, during which time, with an avid love of flying, he spent weekends with like-minded officers practicing aerobatics and dog-fighting and acquainting himself with most Texas towns where a plane could land; he also developed a deep appreciation for the beauty and character of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, His military career included action in the Pacific Theater with the 462nd Bomb Group as a B-29 pilot; he flew well over 100 missions against the enemy, finishing his tour as deputy commander of his group and having attained the rank of lieutenant colonel at the earliest age in Army Air Corps history; he was highly decorated for his service and received three Distinguished Flying Cross medals, the Award of the Air Medal with Seven Oak-Leaf Clusters, and the Bronze Star; and

**WHEREAS**, After World War II, Mr. Randolph served in Korea, where he received the Legion of Merit; he later earned a Bachelor's degree in physics, established the Radiological Defense School in Sandia Base, New Mexico, served as assistant for atomic energy in the Pentagon, earned a master's degree in personnel management, served as executive assistant to the chief of staff of the United States Air Force, and as director of air training of NATO forces for the supreme commander of Allied Forces in Europe; he retired with the rank of colonel at Lowrey Air Force Base in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, Since his retirement from the Air Force, Richard Randolph has distinguished himself as an international businessman by serving as president of the World Security Fund and as founder and president of Microgravity Research Associates, Incorporated, a high-technology company organized to produce crystal materials in space; he is a scientist with two patents and a third pending and has authored scientific articles

and presented papers at national science and space seminars; he has participated with major aerospace firms in developing plans for the United States Space Station, and since 1989, he has served as a member of NASA's Commercial Space Station Planning Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard has been an avid fisherman and hunter throughout Texas, and he has provided significant economic development in Texas, as well as providing a unilateral wildlife management program through conservationist shooting techniques to ensure that an abundance of game is left to survive and multiply in its natural habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Randolph has served with distinction in the defense of our nation, has furthered the interests of commerce and science, is a devoted husband and father, and is an outdoorsman with a love and respect for nature's bounty, thus embodying the highest principles that Texans hold near and dear; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate Richard L. Randolph on his birthday and pay tribute to him for his lifetime of distinguished service and achievement and to his family--his late wife, Miriam; his son, Ian Michael, a Texas resident; his daughter-in-law, Jane Randolph; his granddaughter, Grace Adrienne Randolph; and the other members of his family; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That he be declared an Honorary Texan and that a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him and the members of his family.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate