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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever hold dear their  
2 memories of Alexander Brough of Kerrville, who died on September  
3 19, 2007, at the age of 97; and

4           WHEREAS, "Jack" Brough was born in Chicago on August 4, 1910,  
5 to James Alexander Brough and Ella Waffle Brough; as a young man, he  
6 taught himself to fly without formal instruction, soloing for the  
7 first time in 1928 in Evergreen Park, Illinois; he entered the  
8 aviation industry in 1933, when he took a job with Braniff Airways  
9 at Chicago Municipal Airport; and

10           WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Brough served his nation in  
11 the United States Army Air Forces as a contracting officer for the  
12 United States Air Transport Command; he received a commission as a  
13 brigadier general in 1942 and held the rank until he was  
14 decommissioned in 1945; and

15           WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished civilian career,  
16 Mr. Brough served as an executive vice president for both Trans  
17 World Airlines and the RCA/Hertz Corporation; he lived in Chicago,  
18 New York City, Kansas City, and Dallas, and his business took him to  
19 six of the world's seven continents; and

20           WHEREAS, After retiring in 1977, Mr. Brough settled in  
21 Kerrville, where he became an active member of the community; he  
22 chaired the city-county airport board from 1978 to 1982 and  
23 subsequently served as a member of the city council from 1982 to  
24 1988 and as mayor of Kerrville from 1984 to 1988; and

1           WHEREAS, This energetic and caring man was also a member of  
2 the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club, a volunteer with the United Way,  
3 and a member and vice president of the Upper Guadalupe River  
4 Authority Board of Directors; for his contributions to Kerrville  
5 and the surrounding area, he was recognized by the city council in  
6 1990 as an Outstanding Citizen; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Brough never lost his love of aviation, and  
8 throughout his life he continued to take pride in his military  
9 service; he held membership in the OX5 Aviation Pioneers, the  
10 Military Officers Association of America, and the Air Force  
11 Association; and

12           WHEREAS, Committed to his country and his community, Jack  
13 Brough lived a full and generous life, and his civic leadership  
14 benefited immeasurably his adopted home in the Lone Star State;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alexander Brough  
18 and offer sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
19 longtime companion, Jimmie Lee Huckins; to his daughter, Pamela L.  
20 Matthews, and Thomas Slagel; to his granddaughters, Donna Duncan,  
21 Linda Friedel, Sandy Whetstone, and Catherine Mosley; to his  
22 grandson, Ryan James Matthews; to his great-grandchildren,  
23 Jessica, Colleen, Paige, Adam, and Sydney; to his niece, Dode  
24 Ackermann; to his great-nieces, Margaret and Diane; and to his  
25 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alexander  
2 "Jack" Brough.