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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Kerrville lost a dedicated community
2 leader and valued friend with the death of Lieutenant Colonel Fred
3 F. Eubanks, Jr., (Ret.) in March 2008, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Fred and Olivia Eubanks on October 20, 1919,
5 in Mart, Fred Eubanks grew up in Kingsville and attended Schreiner
6 Institute and Texas A&I University; he enlisted in the U.S. Marine
7 Corps in 1939 and served in World War II, the Korean War, and the
8 Vietnam War before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1966;
9 through the years, he received numerous decorations, including the
10 Silver Star and the Purple Heart; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Eubanks went on to enjoy a brief
12 career as a foreign service officer in Vietnam for the U.S. State
13 Department; returning to Texas, he worked as a concealed handgun
14 instructor and took a strong interest in civic affairs; he served as
15 chair of the Kerr County Republicans for more than five years and as
16 president of the Kerrville chapter of the Sons of the American
17 Revolution; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan further distinguished himself
19 as a longtime director of military ceremonies in the area, and
20 through his participation in the VFW, the Heart of the Hills Chapter
21 of the Air Force Association, the local chapter of the Retired
22 Officers Association, and Kerrville Masonic Lodge No. 697;
23 moreover, he was a member of Hunt United Methodist Church; he was
24 preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Patterson Eubanks; and

1 WHEREAS, Known for his genuine interest in others, his
2 cheerful nature, and his love of adventure, Fred Eubanks made a
3 positive difference in the world around him, and he will be
4 remembered with great affection and admiration for many years to
5 come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lieutenant Colonel
8 Fred F. Eubanks, Jr., (Ret.) and extend sincere sympathy to the
9 members of his family: to his daughter, Marsha Eubanks Copeland and
10 her husband, David J. Copeland; to his grandsons, Ross Alan
11 Copeland and his wife, Tracy Colyer Copeland, and Douglas Ray
12 Copeland and his wife, Kellie White Copeland; and to his
13 great-grandsons, Connor Lewis Copeland, Reid Palmer Copeland, and
14 Kieran Colyer Copeland; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lieutenant
18 Colonel Fred F. Eubanks, Jr. (Ret.).