

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and fellow veterans will forever
2 treasure their memories of retired Brigadier General William
3 Corinth Bacon of Comfort, who died on March 8, 2008, at the age of
4 88; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Dr. W. T. Bacon and Sally Maxie Bacon,
6 William Bacon gave up opportunities to play professional baseball
7 and to attend West Point in order to join the United States Army
8 Flying Cadet Program in September 1940; after training as a pilot at
9 Kelly Field in Texas and receiving his commission as a second
10 lieutenant, he was assigned to the 15th Observation Squadron at
11 Fort Sill, Oklahoma; in 1942, he joined the 344th Squadron of the
12 98th Bomb Group and began training for combat in World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, This brave officer saw action in the Middle East and
14 Europe, flying 40 combat missions as a bomber pilot and earning
15 acclaim for his skill and tenacity in the cockpit; on one mission,
16 he lost the hydraulic systems and rudder control on his aircraft but
17 kept his plane aloft and shot down an enemy fighter on his way back
18 to base, where he landed safely with no loss of life to his crew; and

19 WHEREAS, Following the war, General Bacon attended the Air
20 War College in 1947 and then became commander of the 6th Bombardment
21 Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base; he subsequently served as
22 chief of the plans and programs branch for the director of plans and
23 operations at Air Force headquarters; throughout the 1950s, he held
24 a number of positions in Asia and the United States and returned to

1 Davis-Monthan AFB in 1958 as commander of the 303rd Bombardment
2 Wing; in the 1960s, he was the commander of the 12th and the 22nd
3 Strategic Aerospace Divisions; and

4 WHEREAS, During the course of his military career, General
5 Bacon's gallantry under fire and his dedication to duty earned him
6 an impressive list of commendations, including the Silver Star, the
7 Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf
8 cluster, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army
9 Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

10 WHEREAS, After his retirement from military service, General
11 Bacon raised cattle for 30 years on his Arrow-B Ranch in Welfare; he
12 became a licensed veterinarian and an expert horseman as well as a
13 welcome and generous neighbor to many in the Hill Country; and

14 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, General Bacon founded the Hill Country
15 Veterans Council in order to keep the Kerrville Veterans
16 Administration Hospital from being closed, and he served as the
17 organization's president for three years; the council worked
18 tirelessly to achieve their goal and ultimately were successful in
19 keeping the facility open; and

20 WHEREAS, General Bill Bacon was both a tough military
21 commander and a warmhearted friend, known for his acts of kindness
22 and his salty sense of humor; his dedication to his country, his
23 community, and to those who served in the U.S. armed forces commands
24 deep respect, and the admirable example of his life will long be
25 remembered; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Brigadier General

1 William Corinth Bacon and offer sincere condolences to the members
2 of his family: to his wife, Helen Bacon; to his daughters, Kay
3 Aubrey and Kari Bowers; to his sons, William S. Bacon and David G.
4 Bacon; to his grandchildren, Renee Pifer Farris, Margret Bacon
5 Hunter, William Bacon, Clint Bowers, and Lindsey Bowers Williams;
6 to his great-grandchildren, Lexis Pifer Farris, Abigail Bacon, Beau
7 Bacon, Shelby Lipe, Rachel Hunter, and Rylee Nicole Williams; and
8 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
12 Corinth Bacon.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
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Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
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Crabb	Isett	Ritter
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Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
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Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
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Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
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H.R. No. 37

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 37 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House