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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Kerrville lost a beloved neighbor and
2 admired community leader with the passing of Edwin R. Carseth on
3 April 26, 2009, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 30, 1919, to Arthur and Elsie Roehr
5 Carseth in Chicago, Edwin Carseth attended Wilbur Wright Junior
6 College and Northwestern University; he answered his nation's call
7 to duty with service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II
8 and conducted supply flights over the Himalaya Mountains in the
9 China-Burma-India theater; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Carseth joined the air force reserves after the
11 war and continued to serve until 1957; during his years in uniform,
12 he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the
13 American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with
14 four Bronze Service Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal;
15 drawing on his aviation experience, he became a flight examiner for
16 the Federal Aviation Administration and founded the Aviation
17 Division of the Outboard Marine Corporation, serving as the
18 company's chief pilot for nearly four decades; and

19 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Carseth enjoyed the love
20 and support of his wife, the former Margaret Walls, with whom he
21 shared more than 50 years of marriage; the couple had one daughter,
22 Suzette, who passed away in 1982; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Carseth and his family lived in Wisconsin for a
24 number of years, where he was active in many community

1 organizations, serving as a charter member of the Milwaukee Chapter
2 of the Quiet Birdmen Association and the Kiwanis Golden K of Elm
3 Grove, as well as being a member of the American Legion, Disabled
4 American Veterans, and the Elks Club of Milwaukee; after he and Mrs.
5 Carseth relocated to Kerrville in 1987, he helped charter the Hill
6 Country Chapter of the Retired Officers Association and started the
7 Kerrville Quiet Birdmen Hangar; moreover, he volunteered at the
8 Kerrville VA hospital through Kiwanis and was a member of Notre Dame
9 Catholic Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Edwin Carseth lived a full and purposeful life, and
11 though he will be deeply missed, his legacy of service to his
12 country and his community will long resonate in the hearts of all
13 those fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edwin R. Carseth and
16 extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Margaret Carseth, and to his
17 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Edwin
21 Carseth.