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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Arlington lost a dedicated civic leader
2 with the death of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Richard H. Rencurrel on
3 October 16, 2009, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Rencurrel was born to Hamilton and Mildred
5 Rencurrel on November 21, 1929, in Scituate, Massachusetts; he
6 graduated from Boston University in 1952 and earned a master's
7 degree in business administration from Syracuse University in 1966;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, After receiving his undergraduate degree, he joined
10 the United States Air Force and became a decorated career officer;
11 he served for two decades before retiring in 1973; Colonel
12 Rencurrel held membership in the Military Order of the World Wars
13 and served as president of the Retired Military Officers
14 Association; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan gave generously of his time and
16 talents to the city of Arlington, where he served as president of
17 the Sundown Kiwanis Club and as a member of the Arlington Public
18 Library Advisory Board and the Arlington Charities Board; in
19 addition, he was a congregant of First United Methodist Church of
20 Arlington and a volunteer with the American Red Cross at the Naval
21 Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth; and

22 WHEREAS, Richard Rencurrel exchanged wedding vows with
23 Dorothy Thornton on September 15, 1956, and over the years, they
24 shared in the joy of parenting three children and of later welcoming

1 grandchildren and great-grandchildren into their family; and

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Richard Rencurrel made the most of his
3 nearly eight decades, achieving an exceptional career in the air
4 force, contributing significantly to his community, and enjoying a
5 life rich in family and friends; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lieutenant Colonel
8 (Ret.) Richard H. Rencurrel and extend sincere sympathy to the
9 members of his family: to his wife, Dorothy Rencurrel; to his
10 children and their spouses, Debbie and Mike Mead, Diana McPherson,
11 and David and Joyce Rencurrel; to his grandchildren, Heather
12 Garrett, Holly Mead, Kody Burkhardt, Jennifer Wood, Amy and Amanda
13 McPherson, and Hamilton, Sarah, and Cameron Rencurrel; to his
14 great-grandchildren, Bianca and Alexander Cross; to his brothers,
15 Charles and Ronald Rencurrel; and to his other relatives and
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lieutenant
20 Colonel (Ret.) Richard H. Rencurrel.