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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Colonel Milton Leland Haskin (Ret.) of El Paso passed
3 away on March 1, 2011, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, "Lee" Haskin was born on July 30, 1923, to Mr. and
5 Mrs. Howard L. Haskin in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and spent much
6 of his youth in Madison, Wisconsin; after attending the University
7 of Wisconsin for a year, he answered his nation's call to duty in
8 April 1943 and joined the U.S. Army; he received an appointment to
9 the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1944 and
10 graduated with the Class of 1947; and

11 WHEREAS, Commissioned as a second lieutenant, Lee Haskin
12 served with a field artillery battalion in Europe before assuming
13 command of a battery at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; he subsequently
14 served as an operations officer with a field artillery battalion in
15 Korea, as an officer with the J-5 division at the North American Air
16 Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and as commanding
17 officer of the 4th Battalion, 41st Artillery, in Europe; his
18 assignments also included a stint with the Nuclear Weapons Branch,
19 Strategic Operations Division, J-3, of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in
20 Washington, D.C.; and

21 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Guided Missile Staff Officer
22 School and the Command and General Staff College, Colonel Haskin
23 held appointments as a member of the staff and faculty of the Air
24 Defense Artillery School and Center at Fort Bliss, as a professor of

1 mathematics at West Point, and as a professor of military science at
2 Norwich University; and

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Haskin's last posting was at White Sands
4 Missile Range in New Mexico, where he had charge of the Training and
5 Doctrine Command Systems Analysis Activity; he retired from the
6 army in 1975, after a distinguished career of nearly three decades;
7 among the many military honors he received were the Legion of Merit
8 with one oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service
9 Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation
10 Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Colonel
12 Haskin enjoyed a loving marriage of more than 63 years with his
13 wife, Patricia; they were blessed with two children, Kathryn and
14 Thomas, as well as four grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Lee and Pat Haskin moved to El Paso in 1976 and
16 became active members of their community; Colonel Haskin taught
17 math at St. Clement's Episcopal Parish School for many years and
18 devoted countless hours to volunteer work; he sat on the board of
19 directors for numerous organizations, including the West Point
20 Society of El Paso, the Santa Teresa Country Club, and the
21 International Committee of the Greater El Paso YMCA, and he served
22 as secretary of the board for the Westside Family YMCA, as treasurer
23 and vice president of the board for the El Paso Council for
24 International Visitors, and as treasurer of the El Paso County
25 Historical Society; he also helped lead the Area Agency on Aging as
26 chair of the advisory council and helped guide the Greater El Paso
27 Tennis Association as its president; in addition, he served on

1 several committees at The University of Texas at El Paso; and

2 WHEREAS, Lee Haskin lived a life of honesty and integrity,
3 and while his death brings great sadness to his family and friends,
4 he leaves behind a legacy of memories and achievements that will
5 long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Colonel Milton
9 Leland Haskin and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Patricia Haskin; to his daughter and
11 son-in-law, Kathryn and Kenneth Erickson; to his son, Thomas
12 Haskin; to his grandchildren, Andrew Erickson, Heather Ortiz,
13 Karolyn Dicken, and Rebecca Haskin; to his great-grandchildren,
14 Bryce Erickson and Xavier Ortiz; to his sister, Marylin Windes; to
15 his niece, Colby Windes; to his nephew, Craig Windes; and to his
16 other relatives and 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 Colonel
20 Milton Leland Haskin.