

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Vietnam veteran George Robert Ludwig of Mabank  
2 distinguished himself through his heroic actions during combat in  
3 1965; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Ludwig entered the U.S. Army flight school at  
5 Fort Rucker, Alabama, in 1963 and was subsequently deployed to Bien  
6 Hoa, Vietnam; on June 10, 1965, First Lieutenant Ludwig was flying  
7 as an artillery observer with the mission of providing radio relay  
8 when he received word that the American compound at Dong Xoai was  
9 under assault by the Viet Cong; he was flying the only aircraft in  
10 the area and instantly volunteered to act as forward air controller  
11 for U.S. fighter bombers en route there; and

12           WHEREAS, For the next five days, this brave airman flew many  
13 missions over the besieged compound at considerable risk to  
14 himself, skillfully directing airstrikes against the Viet Cong and  
15 playing an essential role in successfully driving back the enemy;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ludwig was later recognized for his valor  
18 and dedication with the Distinguished Flying Cross, becoming the  
19 only Army pilot of the Vietnam War to be recommended for the award  
20 by the U.S. Air Force; in addition, he earned 20 Air Medals,  
21 including two for valor; and

22           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Ludwig worked as a  
23 pilot for Braniff International Airways for 17 years; he went on to  
24 work in the resort industry and to own an oil exploration company

1 before retiring to Cedar Creek Lake; and

2 WHEREAS, George Robert Ludwig's courageous and unwavering  
3 commitment to duty during the Vietnam War embodies the highest  
4 ideals of the U.S. armed forces and continues to inspire all those  
5 who are privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend George Robert Ludwig for his outstanding  
8 service to his country and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mr. Ludwig as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2284

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2284 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House