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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.