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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Homer W. Lear, who rendered notable service to his  
2 country both in wartime and in peace, passed away on September 23,  
3 2012, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Lear was born on August 12, 1920, in Oil Hill,  
5 Kansas; after attending college for two years, he answered his  
6 nation's call to duty and joined the Aviation Cadet Program at Kelly  
7 Field in 1941; he was commissioned as a pilot and served as an  
8 aircraft commander in the 19th Bomb Group, based on Guam, during  
9 World War II; and

10           WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Lear continued to serve in the  
11 armed forces for more than two decades, spending nearly 20 years in  
12 the Strategic Air Command and also working at the Pentagon; he  
13 played an important role in the activation of the first air-to-air  
14 refueling units for military jets at Biggs Air Force Base in El  
15 Paso, and he had the memorable assignment of escorting aviation  
16 hero Charles Lindbergh on a tour of SAC bases; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Lear retired from the air force in 1968 at the  
18 rank of colonel; he spent the next 19 years with the Weyerhaeuser  
19 Company and then joined the International Executive Service Corps,  
20 a nonprofit economic development organization; while affiliated  
21 with the IESC, he assisted with projects in Lebanon, the  
22 Philippines, and the Dominican Republic; and

23           WHEREAS, This civic-minded Texan also served with  
24 distinction in the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, where he was

1 honored with the title of speaker emeritus; in 1995, Mr. Lear was  
2 elected to the first National Silver Haired Congress; he went on to  
3 work extensively with that group, as well, and was elected to four  
4 terms as chair of the board; in addition, he served as a delegate to  
5 both the 1995 and 2005 White House Conferences on Aging; back home  
6 in San Antonio, he helped to make voting more convenient for a  
7 number of older veterans and their spouses through the  
8 establishment of a new precinct for Air Force Village, a retirement  
9 community, and he served as a precinct election judge; he also  
10 served on the Air Force Village Board of Directors, and he was  
11 actively involved in his Rotary Club; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lear married his high school sweetheart, Mary  
13 Jane Griggs, in 1942; the couple became the proud parents of two  
14 children and shared a loving marriage of nearly seven decades  
15 before her passing in 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, Homer Lear achieved a life that was rich in purpose  
17 and accomplishments, and his inspiring example of good cheer and  
18 tireless public service will live forever in the hearts of all who  
19 knew him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Homer W. Lear and  
22 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his son,  
23 Steven, and his wife, Catherine; to his daughter, Rebecca, and her  
24 husband, John; to his 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren;  
25 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Homer  
2 W. Lear.