

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Clifford Roy Wherley of Greenville on February 8, 2013,  
3 at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on May 28, 1927, in Illinois, Mr. Wherley was a  
5 dedicated patriot who was determined to serve his country in World  
6 War II; although he was only 14 at the time, he managed to convince  
7 recruiters that he was of age, and he entered the Army Air Forces in  
8 1942; assigned as a top turret gunner on a B-26 bomber, he fought in  
9 32 missions and flew on raids with General Jimmy Doolittle,  
10 receiving the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for his  
11 distinguished service in England and North Africa; when the army  
12 learned of his true age, he was granted an honorable discharge;  
13 Mr. Wherley went on a nationwide bond tour and worked at a defense  
14 plant for a time but was anxious to return to active duty; he joined  
15 the U.S. Navy and was once more designated to be a turret gunner on  
16 a B-26, but his age was discovered and he was sent home; undeterred,  
17 Mr. Wherley reenlisted in the Army Air Forces and was briefly  
18 deployed to the South Pacific before his status as a minor was  
19 revealed and he was shipped stateside again; and

20           WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Wherley served as a police  
21 officer and deputy sheriff in Florida; he married a Texan, June  
22 Rogers, and they moved to Henderson County, where Mr. Wherley  
23 earned his living as a truck driver and served as a justice of the  
24 peace; over the course of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wherley were

1 blessed with four sons and two daughters, and they lived in Garland  
2 and Carrollton before moving to Greenville; Mrs. Wherley passed  
3 away in 1995, and Mr. Wherley later enjoyed the love and support of  
4 his second wife, Juanita; and

5 WHEREAS, Frequently seen wearing a World War II veteran's  
6 hat, Clifford Wherley took great pride in having served his  
7 country, and he will be remembered with admiration and affection by  
8 all who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clifford Roy Wherley  
11 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
12 wife, Juanita Wherley; to his sons, Chuck, Benny, Steven, and Glenn  
13 Wherley; to his daughters, Sandra Groom and Paula Dillinger; to his  
14 stepson, Caleb Ewing; to his brother, Eldon Wherley; to his  
15 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
16 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 honor of Clifford Roy  
20 Wherley.

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H.R. No. 1006

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1006 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 27, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House