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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Ruffner Perry Baugh of Rockport on February 2, 2015, at
3 the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Ruffner Baugh was born on November 21, 1923, in
5 Asheville, North Carolina, to George Herman Baugh Sr. and Lena
6 Mabel Whitfield; raised in Charlotte, he went on to pursue his
7 higher education at Duke University; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
9 II, Mr. Baugh interrupted his studies at Duke in November 1942 to
10 enlist in the Army Air Corps and train as a bomber pilot; he flew
11 combat missions over Europe during the Ardennes counteroffensive,
12 and he earned two Bronze Stars and the ETO Ribbon; following the
13 war, he served in the Air Force Officers' Reserve Corps until 1955,
14 and he would occasionally fly over his home and wiggle the wings of
15 his plane to say hello to his loved ones below; and

16 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Baugh joined
17 Chance Vought Aircraft in Connecticut, and he transferred to the
18 company's Dallas office in 1949; he continued to work for the
19 enterprise, which later became LTV Corporation, for 38 years,
20 reaching the position of head of production planning; and

21 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Baugh and his second wife,
22 Patricia, whom he married in 1975, sold their home in Dallas, bought
23 a trailer, and set off on a five-year road trip that took them all
24 across the nation, from coast to coast and from Florida to Alaska;

1 they eventually settled in Rockport; and

2 WHEREAS, "Ruff" Baugh loved gardening and the Dallas Cowboys,
3 and he delighted in the accomplishments of his grandchildren; a
4 lively and energetic man, he could roller-skate and ride a bicycle
5 backwards into his 60s, and in his 80s, he was still a fierce
6 competitor on the tennis court; and

7 WHEREAS, A loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather,
8 and a proud veteran of World War II, Ruff Baugh lived life to the
9 fullest, and memories of his time on this earth will continue to
10 inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruffner Perry Baugh
13 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Patricia Baugh; to his son, Philip Baugh, and his wife, Mimi;
15 to his grandson, Nicholas Baugh; to his granddaughter, Kristin
16 Carona, and her husband, Jeff; to his great-grandson, Maxwell
17 Carona; to his brother, Bob Baugh; to his stepchildren, Diane and
18 Darrell; to his step-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruffner
23 Perry Baugh.