

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, World War II veteran Charles Alford of Waco has been
2 featured in the *Waco Tribune-Herald* as one of its Voices of Valor;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford enlisted in the army following the attack
5 on Pearl Harbor and subsequently attended the Field Artillery
6 Officer Candidate School, graduating as a second lieutenant; his
7 first posting was to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he joined the
8 65th Division, 868th Field Artillery Battalion; a year later he
9 became a survey officer and was promoted to first lieutenant; and

10 WHEREAS, After he was transferred overseas, Mr. Alford
11 became a forward observer with the 6th Armored Division of General
12 George S. Patton's Third Army; he participated in the Battle of the
13 Bulge and in the fighting to relieve Bastogne, and he took part in
14 the liberation of Buchenwald; among the awards bestowed on this
15 courageous Texan were the Silver Star, for gallantry in action at
16 Leipzig, and three Bronze Stars; reassigned to the 2nd Armored
17 Division after the end of the war, he remained in Germany as part of
18 the Allied occupation and served as a juror on war crimes tribunals;
19 following his discharge at Fort Hood in 1946, he joined the
20 reserves, from which he later retired after 28 years of cumulative
21 service; and

22 WHEREAS, While stationed at Fort Hood, Mr. Alford met and
23 married Goldia Brashears, and the couple shared 61 loving years
24 together before she passed away; he now lives in Waco, where he

1 enjoys spending time with his children and other loved ones; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his bravery and great dedication, Charles
3 Alford fulfilled the highest ideals of the United States armed
4 forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a lasting debt of gratitude;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Charles Alford for his exemplary service
8 to his country as a member of the United States Army and
9 congratulate him on his recognition as one of the Voices of Valor by
10 the *Waco Tribune-Herald*; and, be it further

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

Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 2686

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2686 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House