

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 96th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and retired U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant
3 Colonel Roy Holland Elrod is reaching that impressive milestone on
4 June 23, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Roy Elrod was born in 1919 on a farm north of
6 Muleshoe, Texas, an event made even more noteworthy by the fact that
7 it was recorded in only the fourth birth certificate ever issued in
8 Bailey County; after graduating from Muleshoe High School, he
9 attended Texas A&M University before answering his nation's call to
10 duty during World War II and enlisting in the marines; and

11 WHEREAS, Serving in the South Pacific, Mr. Elrod was stranded
12 for four months on Guadalcanal, where he earned a Silver Star for
13 leading an assault against the enemy; during the Battle of Tarawa
14 Atoll, he led an artillery company through withering fire during a
15 beach assault and later was recommended for a Navy Cross for wiping
16 out the enemy headquarters; on Saipan, he earned a Purple Heart for
17 wounds sustained during an enemy artillery attack; and

18 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Elrod went on to a distinguished
19 and storied career in the marines, retiring at the rank of
20 lieutenant colonel; in civilian life, he became a successful
21 commercial and residential developer, and he remains active in the
22 company; he currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, but he
23 still considers himself a proud Texan; and

24 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Elrod fought with great

1 distinction during World War II and has enjoyed much well-deserved
2 success, and his 96th birthday is a welcome opportunity to
3 acknowledge the life and accomplishments of this true son of the
4 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Roy Holland Elrod on his 96th
7 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
8 happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Lieutenant Colonel Elrod as an expression of high
11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

King of Hemphill

H.R. No. 3299

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3299 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House