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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.