

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 978

In Memory
of
Terry Bruce Burkett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Terry Bruce Burkett, who died May 9, 2015, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Terry Burkett was born April 26, 1946, in Le Mars, Iowa; after his 1964 graduation from Cooper High School in Abilene, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served with distinction for more than 22 years, rising to the rank of senior chief petty officer; he served as a naval air crewman on three deployments to Vietnam, and his many commendations included two Navy Achievement Medals and the Air Medal with strike/flight award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burkett played an invaluable role in the creation of the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument; he worked closely with veterans' organizations, the State Preservation Board, and the foundry charged with casting the monument to ensure its fidelity to the veterans who shared the Vietnam experience; he was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3377 and member of the Austin Chapter of the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 915; and

WHEREAS, He was a man of great courage, strength, and compassion who gave generously to others, and his perseverance, his patriotism, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

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WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his fellow veterans, and his countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Terry Bruce Burkett; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Terry Bruce Burkett.

Zaffirini, Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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