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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed educator and leading
2 military scholar drew to a close with the passing of John
3 F. Guilmartin Jr. on March 10, 2016, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on September 18, 1940, Joe
5 Guilmartin grew up in San Antonio, where his father was a flight
6 instructor; he went on to study at the United States Air Force
7 Academy, and after finishing flight training and obtaining a degree
8 in aerospace engineering embarked on a 21-year career in the air
9 force flying search-and-rescue helicopters; over the course of two
10 tours in Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel Guilmartin logged more than
11 120 missions and assisted in the evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in
12 Saigon, and for his actions, he was awarded the Air Medal with five
13 oak-leaf clusters and two Silver Stars; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe Guilmartin received his master's degree in 1969
15 and his Ph.D. in 1971 from Princeton University; he taught history
16 at the Air Force Academy from 1970 to 1974, and, following his
17 retirement from the military, he accepted teaching positions at the
18 Naval War College and Rice University; he also directed the space
19 shuttle history project at the Johnson Space Center in Houston; in
20 1987, he joined the history department at Ohio State University,
21 where he served on the faculty for nearly three decades; and

22 WHEREAS, A recognized authority on military history and
23 technology, Dr. Guilmartin published several books on those topics
24 as well as numerous articles in scholarly journals; he was also a

1 guest lecturer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a
2 trustee of the Society for Military History, and he was a recipient
3 of the prestigious Goodpaster Prize, which recognized his
4 achievements as a soldier-scholar; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Guilmartin enjoyed the
6 love and support of his wife, Hannelore, and he was the proud father
7 of two daughters, Lore Guilmartin and Eugenia Guilmartin, who
8 followed in her father's footsteps to become a colonel in the U.S.
9 Army; and

10 WHEREAS, Admired for his scholarly contributions, his keen
11 wit, and the generous support that he gave to both his students and
12 colleagues, Joe Guilmartin was an inspiring role model and an
13 invaluable asset to his field, and his influence will be felt for
14 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. John F. Guilmartin
17 Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and,
18 be it further

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