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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Gerald Dale Gaus of Lewisville on  
3 February 27, 2017, at the age of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, The adopted son of Alvin and Laura Gaus, Dale Gaus  
5 was born on January 14, 1942, and raised in Herscher, Illinois; he  
6 attended Concordia College and subsequently answered his nation's  
7 call to duty, joining the United States Air Force and serving with  
8 the Air Training Command during the Vietnam War; an electronics  
9 instructor in the radio radar field, he taught cryptography to  
10 members of all branches of the U.S. armed forces, and though he was  
11 primarily stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, he  
12 also spent time at Langley AFB in Virginia and aboard the naval  
13 nuclear submarine USS *Triton*; he attained the rank of sergeant  
14 prior to his discharge from the armed forces; and

15           WHEREAS, After his return to civilian life, Mr. Gaus began  
16 teaching the collection and processing of seismographic data from  
17 the ocean floor to individuals involved in oil exploration, work  
18 that took him to locations across the globe; he later served as a  
19 fiber optics and satellite telecommunications instructor; and

20           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Gaus pursued his great  
21 passion for music; in addition to being a gifted pianist and  
22 organist, he was a member of the Dallas-based ensemble Vocal  
23 Majority for nearly four decades, during which time he won numerous  
24 gold medals at international singing competitions and performed

1 with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and at the inauguration of  
2 President Ronald Reagan; he was also active in his community as a  
3 congregant of the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, where  
4 he contributed his vocal talents to the *What's the Message* webcast,  
5 and as chaplain for American Legion Post No. 182 in Little Elm; and

6         WHEREAS, Mr. Gaus treasured the moments he spent with his  
7 family above all else; he shared more than half a century of  
8 marriage with his wife, the former Beverly Bailey, and over the  
9 years, the couple were blessed with a fine family that included two  
10 children, Linda Asbell and Kevin Gaus, and three granddaughters,  
11 Summer, Zarred, and Molly; and

12         WHEREAS, A man who never met a stranger, Dale Gaus brought joy  
13 to innumerable people through his positive attitude, generosity of  
14 spirit, and wonderful sense of humor; although he will be deeply  
15 missed, those who were privileged to know him will continue to find  
16 inspiration in their memories of his profound commitment to his  
17 family, his community, and his country; now, therefore, be it

18         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gerald Dale Gaus and  
20 extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and,  
21 be it further

22         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gerald Dale  
25 Gaus.