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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Henry Albert Phillips Jr. on July 1, 2016, at the age of
3 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Hank Phillips was born in Providence, Rhode Island,
5 on April 6, 1921, to Henry and Freda Phillips; a graduate of East
6 Providence High School, he was working at a local steel mill when
7 the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War
8 II, and soon thereafter he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps; he
9 was deployed overseas in September 1943, and over the next year, he
10 piloted 150 missions across the Himalayas, for which he was
11 accorded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and six other medals; he
12 continued his military career after the war, serving on 14 bases
13 across the United States before retiring from the air force in 1962;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Phillips
16 enjoyed a career as a data systems manager for the City of Tampa,
17 Florida, that spanned a decade and a half; in retirement, he became
18 an avid golfer and went on to win the 1978 Florida State Golf
19 Association Senior Four-Ball Championship as well as a host of
20 other golf tournaments around the nation; in addition, he found
21 time to recount his breadth of experiences in his 2012
22 autobiography, *Commander in the Sky*; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips married the love of his life, the
24 former Ollie Twilley, on February 15, 1945, and over the course of

1 more than seven decades together, the couple were blessed with a
2 fine family that included three daughters, Tricia Browne-Ferrigno,
3 Deborah MacIntosh, and Pamela Anderson, as well as five
4 grandchildren, Allison, Parke, Phillip, Shawn, and Paige, and three
5 great-grandchildren, James, Katherine, and Arden; and

6 WHEREAS, Coming of age during World War II, Hank Phillips
7 possessed the courage and initiative that defined the finest
8 members of that generation, and he leaves behind a record of service
9 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry Albert Phillips
12 Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hank
17 Phillips.