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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the 3 passing of U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Dennis H. Boerner of College 4 Station on November 19, 2016, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, The son of Fred and Mary Boerner, Dennis Boerner was 5 6 born on January 10, 1935, in Orange Grove and grew up with a brother, Fred, and a sister, Evelyn; after graduating from Orange 7 8 Grove High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from St. Mary's University, and he later received a master's degree in 9 10 business administration from the George Washington University; in 1956, he answered his nation's call to duty and joined the United 11 12 States Army, serving as an artillery officer, an aviator, and a 13 nuclear chemical target analyst; during his exemplary 30-year military career, he was twice deployed to Vietnam, and his 14 15 additional overseas tours included stints in Germany and Korea; after returning stateside, he proudly served at the Pentagon; and 16

17 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan retired from the army in 1986, having garnered the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star 18 Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of 19 Gallantry; he went on to build with his own hands a beautiful home 20 among the pine trees of East Texas, where he enjoyed rebuilding 21 22 antique cars in his spare time and served the community in numerous ways, including as a volunteer with the Right to Life movement and 23 24 as an active member of the Republican Party, both as a candidate and

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as a strong supporter of fellow conservative candidates; and 1

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Boerner was joined in matrimony to the former Margaret "Maggie" Humes, and they shared a rewarding marriage that 3 4 spanned nearly six decades; over the years, the couple had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children, 5 Kelly Kastner and her husband, David, Monica Boerner, Connie 6 7 Bingham and her husband, Michael, and Benedict Boerner and his wife, Denise, as well as nine grandchildren, 8 Megan, Chris, 9 Marshall, Alyson, Rachel, Ryan, Reagan, Chloe, and Marshall, and 10 four great-grandchildren, Bryn, Bristol, Brody, and Caroline; and

11 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his faith, his family, and his country, Dennis Boerner lived a life that was rich in the 12 intangibles that matter most, and he leaves behind a record of 13 service that will continue to inspire all those who had the good 14 15 fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas 17 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dennis H. Boerner and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House 20 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of 21 22 Dennis Boerner.

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President of the Senate Speaker of the House I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 45 was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 45 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor