H.R. No. 407

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Frederick Schaaf of Georgetown on December 17, 2018, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, The son of Alvin and Edith Schaaf, Raymond Schaaf was born on April 24, 1925, in Durango, Colorado; he grew up with the companionship of four siblings, Ernie, Harold, Melvin, and Marge, and he graduated from Durango High School; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Schaaf joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1943; during World War II, he was a tech sergeant in the European Theater of Operations and flew combat missions over Germany in B-17 bombers; following the war, he primarily served as a petroleum officer before concluding his military career at Strategic Air Command Headquarters; he retired from the air force in 1970, after more than 26 years of service; in recognition of his valorous efforts, he received numerous awards and commendations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaaf shared a rewarding marriage with Marjorie Schaaf that spanned over six decades before her passing in 2009; he took great pride in their children, Troy, Daniel, Karla, and Kimberly, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; a valued member of his community, Mr. Schaaf was active in the W. J. Nixon Masonic Lodge in Smithville, the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his country, Raymond Schaaf earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Raymond Frederick Schaaf and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his children, Troy Schaaf and his wife, Theresa, Daniel Schaaf and his wife, Sue, Karla Lopez and her husband, Alex, and Kimberly Von Zur Muehler and her husband, Victor; to his grandchildren, Krysta Adams, Heath Schaaf, Evan Von Zur Muehler, Eric Lopez, and Beth Reeves; to his great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; to his sister-in-law, Peryl Schaaf; to his dear friend, companion, and travel partner, Carolyn Robinson Stark; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Raymond Frederick Schaaf.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 407 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 13, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House