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H.R. No. 143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Queen, a distinguished air
2 force veteran and an esteemed physician and civic leader in
3 Edinburg, has long benefited his fellow citizens through his record
4 of service to his community; and

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, Colonel Queen flew combat
6 missions in Europe with the 23rd Squadron, 36th Fighter Group, of
7 the U.S. Air Force, and he later researched and compiled a wartime
8 history of the unit; after reenlisting as a flight surgeon in the
9 1970s, he was stationed at Rhein-Main, Germany, and promoted to
10 chief of aeromedical services with responsibility for overseeing
11 the Middle East and Africa, as well as transatlantic flights and the
12 base hospital; in 1977, he was called to the scene of one of the most
13 tragic crashes in commercial aviation history, the Tenerife airport
14 disaster, where he was the chief medical officer in charge of the
15 rescue; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Queen enjoyed a career spanning 40 years as a
17 physician in Edinburg, which included service as chief of staff of
18 Edinburg General Hospital and as director of disaster medical
19 services during Hurricane Beulah in 1967; he was also the chair of
20 state chapters and committees of the Texas Medical Association and
21 the Academy of Family Practice; a pillar of his community, he has
22 further given of his time and talents as president of the Edinburg
23 Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Edinburg, and the local
24 American Field Service chapter and as a director of First National

1 Bank; and

2 WHEREAS, Blessed with a loving family, Dr. Queen is a proud
3 husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; over the
4 years, he has found tremendous fulfillment in his service as a
5 scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America; he mentored, supported,
6 and guided dozens of young men in obtaining the prestigious Eagle
7 Scout rank, and in the early 1960s, he led his troop on many
8 exciting adventures across Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to
10 know him, Dr. Charles Queen may reflect with satisfaction on all
11 that he has achieved over the course of a truly remarkable life, and
12 it is a pleasure to join with his many loved ones and friends in
13 honoring him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize Dr. Charles Richard Queen for his
16 lifetime of accomplishments and extend to him sincere best wishes
17 for continued happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Dr. Queen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.