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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
- 2 passing of retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Raymond
- 3 Frederick Schaaf of Georgetown on December 17, 2018, at the age of
- 4 93; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The son of Alvin and Edith Schaaf, Raymond Schaaf
- 6 was born on April 24, 1925, in Durango, Colorado; he grew up with
- 7 the companionship of four siblings, Ernie, Harold, Melvin, and
- 8 Marge, and he graduated from Durango High School; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Schaaf
- 10 joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1943; during World War
- 11 II, he was a tech sergeant in the European Theater of Operations and
- 12 flew combat missions over Germany in B-17 bombers; following the
- 13 war, he primarily served as a petroleum officer before concluding
- 14 his military career at Strategic Air Command Headquarters; he
- 15 retired from the air force in 1970, after more than 26 years of
- 16 service; in recognition of his valorous efforts, he received
- 17 numerous awards and commendations; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Schaaf shared a rewarding marriage with
- 19 Marjorie Schaaf that spanned over six decades before her passing in
- 20 2009; he took great pride in their children, Troy, Daniel, Karla,
- 21 and Kimberly, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 7
- 22 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2
- 23 great-great-grandchildren; a valued member of his community,
- 24 Mr. Schaaf was active in the W. J. Nixon Masonic Lodge in

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- 1 Smithville, the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, and the
- 2 American Legion; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his country,
- 4 Raymond Schaaf earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who
- 5 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Raymond Frederick
- 8 Schaaf and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
- 9 to his children, Troy Schaaf and his wife, Theresa, Daniel Schaaf
- 10 and his wife, Sue, Karla Lopez and her husband, Alex, and Kimberly
- 11 Von Zur Muehler and her husband, Victor; to his grandchildren,
- 12 Krysta Adams, Heath Schaaf, Evan Von Zur Muehler, Eric Lopez, and
- 13 Beth Reeves; to his great-grandchildren and
- 14 great-great-grandchildren; to his sister-in-law, Peryl Schaaf; to
- 15 his dear friend, companion, and travel partner, Carolyn Robinson
- 16 Stark; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Raymond
- 20 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.

Chief Clerk of the House