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H.R. No. 407

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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.