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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 death of Jack Randal Barnes of Amarillo on December 28, 2018, at the
3 age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Barnes was born on April 7, 1950, to Lester and
5 Joyce Barnes, and he grew up with a twin brother, John, and two
6 other siblings, Robert and Beverle; after graduating from Perryton
7 High School, he answered his nation's call to duty and served in the
8 U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1975; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree
9 in business from West Texas A&M University and then reenlisted in
10 the navy, serving until his retirement at the rank of chief petty
11 officer in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Barnes settled in
13 Amarillo, where he taught mathematics at Tascosa High School until
14 2009; he was a member of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Aviation
15 Committee, founder and a former president of the Texas Aviation
16 Historical Society, and 2009 Member of the Year of the Amarillo
17 Downtown Kiwanis Club; he also taught for several summers with
18 NASA's High School Aerospace Scholars Program at the Johnson Space
19 Center, and for 20 years, he refereed high school football and
20 basketball games all across the Panhandle region; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes devoted much of his time and energy to
22 honoring our nation's military veterans; in 2005, he cofounded
23 America Supports You Texas (ASYT), a veterans support organization
24 that was named the 2011 Outstanding Community Service Organization

1 of the Year and the 2012 Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year by the
2 Canyon Chamber of Commerce; he also played a leading role in the
3 Honor Flight program, helping veterans visit war memorials in
4 Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, After stepping down from ASYT, Mr. Barnes founded
6 America-Celebrate, Honor and Serve (ACHS), which sponsors a
7 Memorial Day Run for the Fallen and the Iwo Jima Memorial Flag Run
8 at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, among other events; moreover, he
9 helped lead the effort to obtain the Congressional Gold Medal for
10 surviving crew members of the USS *Indianapolis*, and he was board
11 president of the American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation and
12 co-chair of the WTAMU Veterans Memorial Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was the proud father of two children,
14 John Randal Barnes and Rena Salek, and he was further blessed with
15 four grandchildren, Taylor and Tanner Barnes and Bailey and Brooke
16 Salek; and

17 WHEREAS, Jack Barnes dedicated his life to the service of his
18 country and his community, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
19 continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jack Randal Barnes
23 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack Randal

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1 Barnes.